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SMASH HITS

NON-STOP POP!



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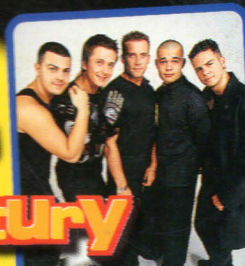
"Not everyone likes me, you know!"



CLAIRE STEPS

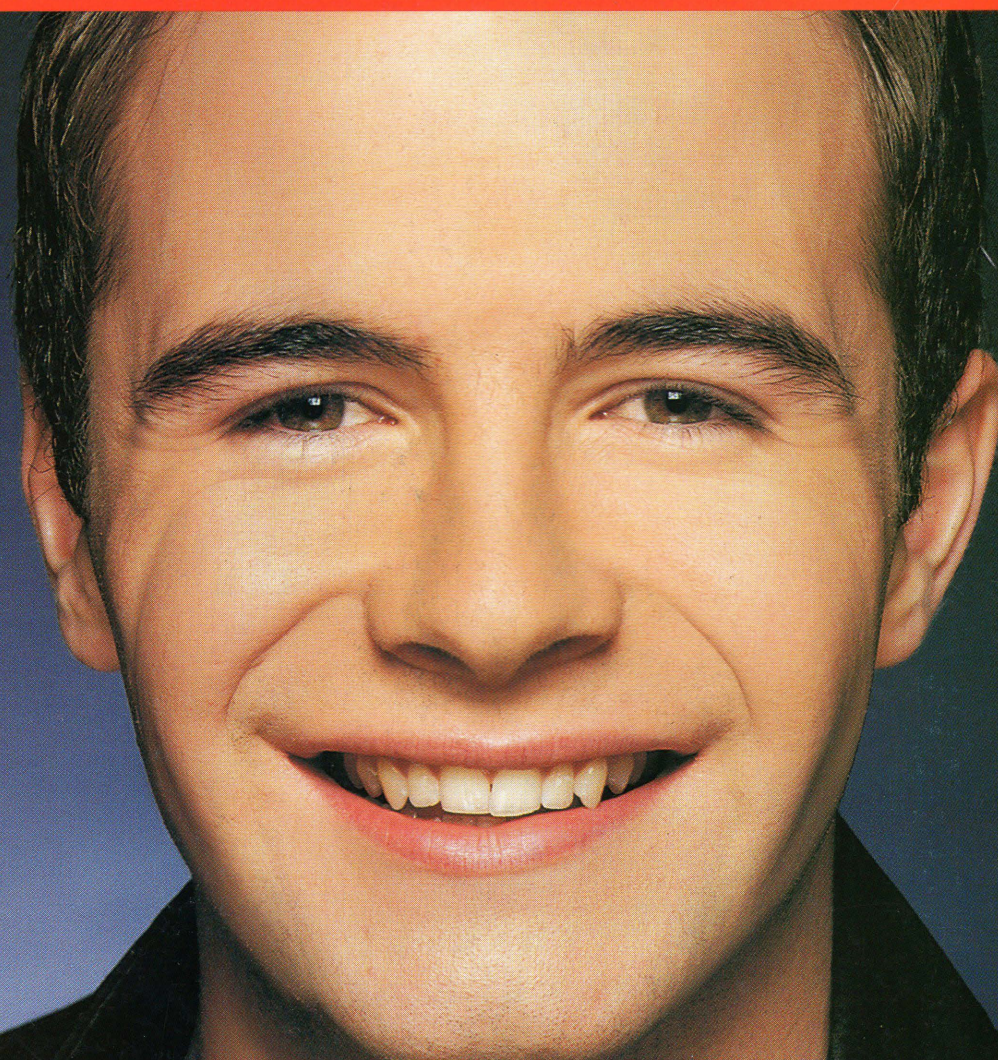
In The Sack

21 things for the 21st Century



starring:

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"Hey Joey, y'know your hair?"
"Yes, Will?"
"Wanna borrow my hat?"



Bloke: "Hi, I'm Robbie Carrico from US band Boys & Girls United, and I'm Britney's new fella."
Britney: "No, you're not, we're just good friends."
Bloke: "Oh"



The stress and strain of dating Denise Van Outen sent Jay Kay white overnight



Left to right: Spike, Jimmy, Lee (or is it Lee, Jimmy, Spike?)

Who's been out and about - and snapped by the **SMASH HITS** camera?



"Hey, Rachel, you're missing the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners' aftershow party? I'm not leavin' 'til midnight!"



"Nick. It's time for a Carter family pic. Nick? Nick? Darn... he's not gone off on another world tour, has he?"

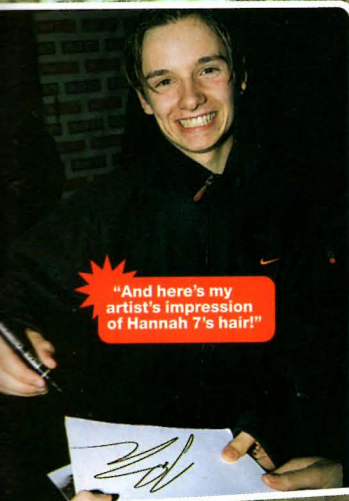


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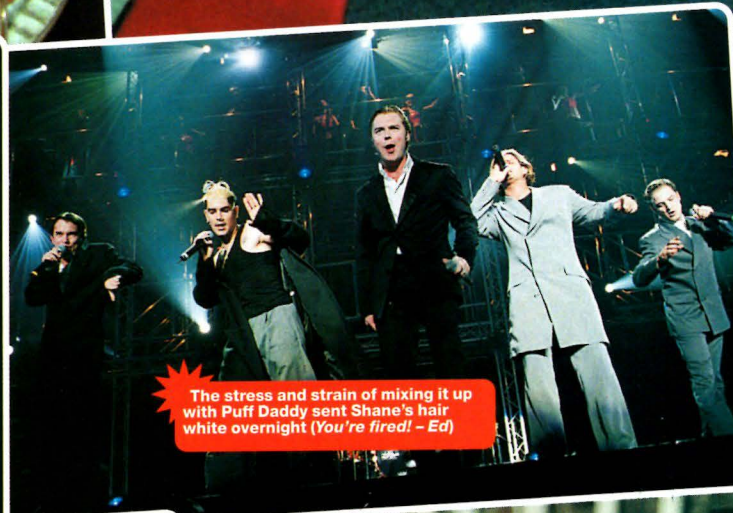
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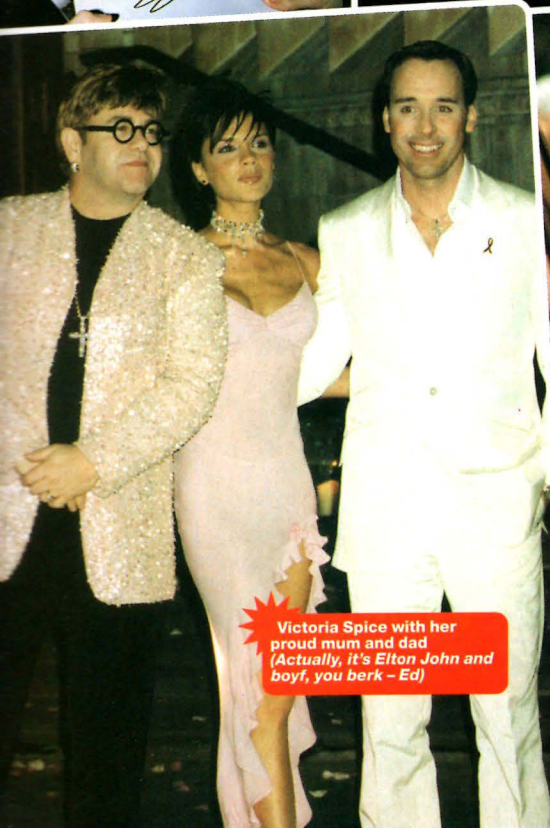
"Eurgh! Grandad! Gerroff!"
Mel C fights off richest bloke
in world, Richard Branson



"And here's my
artist's impression
of Hannah 7's hair!"



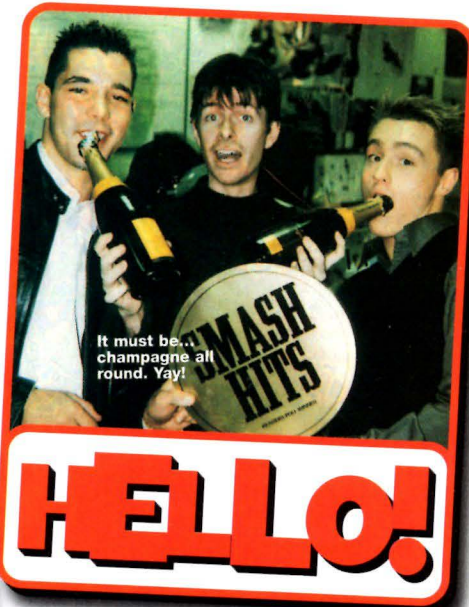
The stress and strain of mixing it up
with Puff Daddy sent Shane's hair
white overnight (You're fired! - Ed)



Victoria Spice with her
proud mum and dad
(Actually, it's Elton John and
boyf, you berk - Ed)




David Beckham stocks up on
headscarves. And, no, we don't
think he went to university in
America. It's just a T-shirt



It must be...
champagne all
round. Yay!

HELLO!

John's bit at the front...

 Dunno about you, but I'm getting bored of this whole millennium malarky thingy, as I said when I bumped into the 1999 Best New Tour Act **Mero** the other day. But we thought we might as well tell you about 21 things that will rock your century with the help of **Five**, **S Club 7**, **Hanson**, **Leonardo DiCaprio**, Mero themselves and a load of other top celebs... Then you've got an exclusive chat with Britney and the most up close and personal interview with **Shane Westlife** you will ever read. Phew! See you in a fortnight.

John
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John, the ed

Well, what are you waiting
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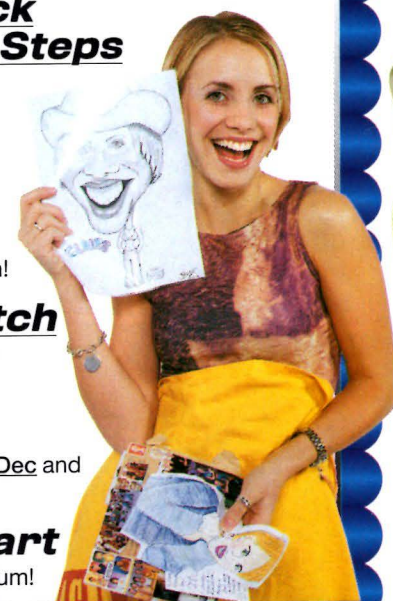
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Wahey! It's the first chart of the new millennium!

ONLY IN SMASH HITS

Dear John,
In response to a letter in your issue about *Smash Hits*, I was a letter saying that H's song is about and signed Can I please put the song right. I am referring to my son whose name is Iain only his nickname is Iain with him.
He has 5'0 levels 1 A level.
as in by no means stupid or thick. Please put your letter back. I have a friend from *Smash Hits* about it. Thanks a lot.
Ginger Watkins 14
Concerned mother P.T.O.



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Including ▶ *Britney* ▶ *Gloria Estefan & 'N Sync* ▶ *Scooch* ▶ *BBMak* ▶ *Donell Jones* ▶ *Point Break*

Have Lee, Spike and Jimmy been dropped by record company?



By the time you read this, 911's future may be settled. At the time of writing however, that future was looking very shaky indeed. Back in December *Smash Hits* heard that just a year after the band's first number one, Virgin Records had dropped 911. Obviously, we were desperate to find out if this meant the end for 911 and tried to get in contact before their Christmas break, but the guys were unavailable. Virgin Records also refused to comment.

SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As well as writing a bunch of top tunes, it's been 911's fondness for a party (or three) and always-up-fer-it attitude that's won them fans and friends from all over Planet Pop. There's no doubt the world will be a quieter place without 'em, but it's up to you. Should the boys carry on as a threesome? Should Lee go solo? Or should they all pack it in? So write in (or email) and tell us what YOU think...

CALL 911?

Is it all over for the 911 boys?

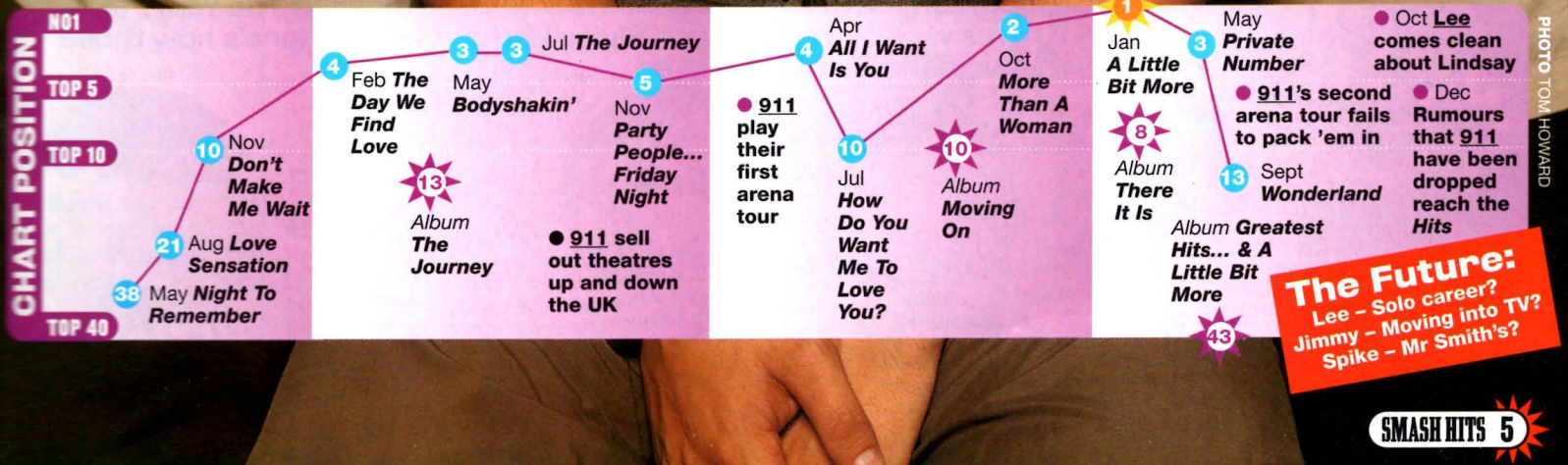
911: The Journey

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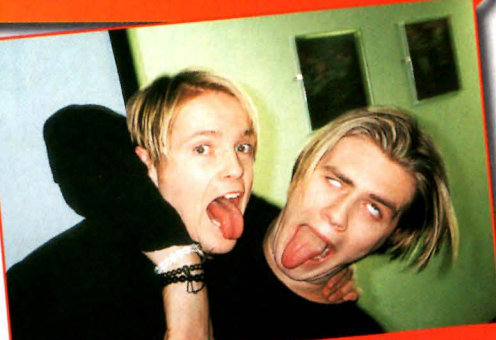


Denise hangs on to the award - she saw what happened when Nicky got near it

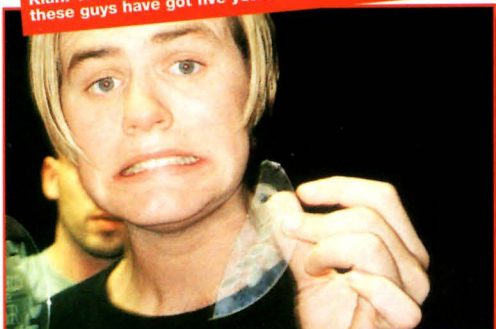
"IT'S THE BEST DAY OF MY (WEST)LIFE!"

Flying Without Wings - best song of '99, official!

Just before Christmas, Westlife had what they called "the best day of our lives" winning the Record Of The Year Award in front of 10 million viewers. To say thanks to all of you lot that voted for *Flying Without Wings*, they gave *Smash Hits* a load of their own snaps so that you could see what went on behind the scenes!



Nicky: We were a bit nervous before the award...
Bryan: ...in fact, Nicky and I went a bit funny!
Mark: When it became clear that it was either us or Ronan, he came up and said: "Only one of us can win it now, lads." He was really good about it.
Kian: Yeah. But then he told everyone to, "Vote for me, these guys have got five years ahead of them!" Hahaha!



Bryan: Guess what Nicky did to the award?
Nicky: It wasn't my fault. I was hugging Wayne Hector and, er, this happened.
Kian: We couldn't have done it without *Smash Hits*! Thanks everyone!



Mark: It was good to see S Club 7 again - especially the girls. We've seen them on and off all year.
Shane: In fact, we met up just before at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners' Party.
Nicky: I know they beat us to Best New Act, but we got our own back at this event!



Shane: This is me relaxing with Mikey Boyzone before the show. At this point, we didn't have a clue who was going to win.
Mark: We were up against Ricky Martin, Ronan, Eiffel 65...
Kian: ...Britney Spears, Martine, loads of people. I didn't think we had a chance.



Mark: This is Wayne Hector, who co-wrote *Flying Without Wings* for us - we owe him a lot!
Kian: Clive Davis (big record company boss blokey) said it was such a good song Whitney Houston could have sung it.
Mark: But we got there first!

POP LINKS

Boyzone's *No Matter What* was 1998's Record Of The Year, '99's was won by Westlife and *Flying Without Wings*. Here's how those two bands might be linked...

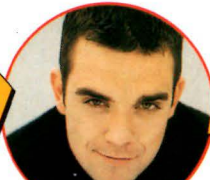


BOYZONE

...are one of Ireland's biggest bands along with...



The Corrs, whose lead singer happens to be **Andrea Corr** was once romantically linked with...



...**Robbie Williams**, who had solo success after quitting his band, like...



...**Geri**, who sang *Happy Birthday* to...



Prince Charles, whose mum just met...



WESTLIFE



So Dane, what's going on with Da Lev?

Basically Another Level lost Wayne and now Bobak has decided to leave too. But Mark and I still have our hearts in it and we will carry on – I haven't completed half of what I want to do yet and so I'm not giving up.

Has it been on the cards for a while?

Yes and no. I read in the papers that there was a big bust-up and that Bobak was going to TV. But there wasn't a bust-up and I'm not sure how true the TV thing is. He was talking about going back to school, but your guess is as good as mine.

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO!

Bobak's off as another leaves Another Level

Why has Bobak left?

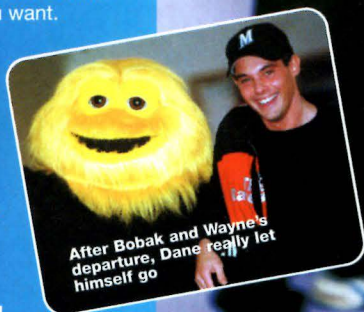
I think he's disillusioned with the industry, it's very different from what he expected. It's a lot of time to waste if you're not doing what you want.

Are you looking for another member?

Yeah. We'd love to bring a friend in, but I don't think we've got any who've got what it takes. We're gonna get the best vocal talent we possibly can, and we won't settle for anything but the best in the country.

Are you gonna do a Honeyz and re-record Nexus with the new guy?

No! Bobak and Wayne worked just as hard on Nexus as me and Mark. We haven't split on bad terms and it's not fair to take that from 'em!



The two new members weren't a patch on the old ones

Dane's written an ad especially for Smash Hits...

"After the recent departure of two of our members, Another Level are looking for a replacement. We'd like someone who can kick ass vocally, the best we can possibly get, and any applications will be reviewed with interest." Send your tapes to: Suzy Charrington, NorthWestSide Records, Cavendish House, 23 New King's Rd, London SW6 4RN. Phone 0171 384 7694 for more info!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Just about recovering from the millennium in time for their birthday parties are...

Jan		
12	Mel C	24
16	Kate Moss	26
17	Jim Carrey	38
18	Kevin Costner	45
19	Wayne 'ex-Da Lev' Williams	22
20	Gary Barlow	29
20	Easther	
	Bennett (Eternal)	29
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"NICE DRESS, YOUR MAJESTY"



Shane: "Sorry about my colleague Your Maj, I think it's a splendid outfit!"
Bryan: "Creep!"

Bryan blows his chance of a knighthood

When Westlife were introduced to the Queen at last month's Royal Variety Performance, the fivesome were told in no uncertain terms to say nothing, but "Yes, Your Majesty". But when the Queen told Bryan she thought their album sleeve was "peculiar", he couldn't keep his mouth shut! "I just told her I liked her dress," he giggled, "but she didn't look too pleased. Maybe it was the way I said it!"



Fancy some food Britney?

Lor, luv a duck!

BABY ONE MORE RHYME

Britney 'Garden Shears' Spears goes cockney

▶ Britney may not spend much time here, but she's picking up cock-er-nee rhyming slang! She blathered on about her new "Claire Rayners" before inviting SH up the "apples and pears" for a cup of "Rosie Lee". She sped off in her "jam jar", promising to ring us on the "dog and bone"! "She was talking about her new trainers, inviting us up the stairs for a cup of tea, heading home in her car and promising to phone us. Of course."



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SO, YOU'RE INTO HOUSE AND GARAGE?

Park here for a lesson in dancefloor mechanics

▶ With Wamdue's *King Of My Castle* and Artful Dodger's *Re-Rewind* etc... rulin' the charts at the end of '99, top pop peeps reckon 2000 is going to be the year garage takes over the dancefloors. Seeing as we thought garages were strictly for cars, we got Pete from Da Dodger to tell us what the flip is going down...

So Pete, what is this garage music then?

It's uptempo R'n'B - all the elements of R'n'B with really funky break beats. It's not four-to-the-floor like house, it's got a two-step rhythm, your classic rewind beat.

Ah, of course, your classic rewind beat (pardon!). But why's it called 'garage'?

Centuries ago, in the '70s, the only place you could hear this sort of music was at house parties, so that's where you got

'house' music, and I suppose someone must have had a huge garage!

So much for garage, why are you named after the pickpocket from *Oliver Twist*?

'Cos back in the day, we blatantly stole vocals from big hits, put 'em on white labels and flogged them to the record shop round the corner. It's highly illegal and can get you in all sorts of trouble, and we needed a name that kinda said all that. Now we've gone legit, of course!

Of course! By the way, do you have your own garage?

I do. I have a spankin' great garage!

Cool! What do you keep in it?

I keep my car in there, I keep my records in there, and I keep a set of decks in there, so it's a very important place. It smells of petrol a bit though.

Not the best place for a party then...

IT'S A LOVE THING



Sailor boy Yorick Venga comes ashore to open his heart to the Hits

Name
Yorick

Age
24

First crush

I was about 13 or 14 when I met a girl called Charlotte. I wet myself (he's not joking, he actually wet himself) when I met her, I was so nervous! Nobody saw, I just ran away and I never spoke to her again because I was too scared.

First snog

I was 16. I was forced into it because everybody in my class was snogging and I was the only one who wasn't. I didn't enjoy it then but I do now!

Last snog

This morning when we were at a radio station. I snogged the dog!

When did you first fall in love?

About four years ago, when I joined the dolphinarium where I used to work as a dolphin trainer. It was a really good experience. But now I'm in the Vengaboys I don't have time for love.

Most romantic thing you've ever done

I'm very romantic. I love to hold candlelit dinners for two and then slip over to the fireplace afterwards...

Ever snogged anyone famous?

I've snogged Elizabeth Hurley, but don't tell Hugh Grant.



WHO DONELL ARE YOU?

Meet R'n'B's newest superstar
Twenty-six-year-old, Chicago native Donell Jones is one of R'n'B's hottest producers, and with Usher and TLC's Left-Eye helping out on his debut single *U Know What's Up*, Donell is about to score a hit of his own...

So Donell, what's up?

(Laughing) I'm hanging out in the UK for a bit. I've just found out my record went to number one in New York, so I'm really happy at the moment.

What's your story?

My father used to sing which is why I wanted to do it. (With a cheeky grin) Then I started

singing for the girls at school and it seemed to work, so I decided to pursue it!

How did you hook up with Left-Eye?

I'm on the same record company as TLC, and Lisa heard the record and said she wanted to rap on it. Of course, we were happy for her to do it!

Bet you (sorry, u) were!

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Lolly will do a Melanie C and record an indie-rawk anthem!

SMASH HITS



POP PASSPORT

NAME: Warren (Northern Line)

WELCOME TO PLANET POP!

Purpose of visit

To give my audience a bit of personality and talent that I think they need.

Full name

Warren John Morris

Date and place of birth

October 22, 1974, Cape Town, South Africa

Colour of eyes

Blue

Height

5ft 9in

Lives

London

'Special' friend

Nope. I want one though. I'm really looking, but I haven't found anyone that I want to get serious with, yet!

Family

Mum, dad and my baby brother, who's seven. They've just come over from South Africa, where they live, for the launch of the band!

Pets

No, but I'd love one of those sleek Egyptian cats, a black one. I think they're beautiful.

Favourite food

Sushi!

First memory

When I was 18 months learning to swim. I just jumped in and the person who was supposed to catch me, moved and made me swim to them.

First taste of fame

I sang for a quite famous band in South Africa when I was younger, I also did some TV work when I was little.

Favourite song

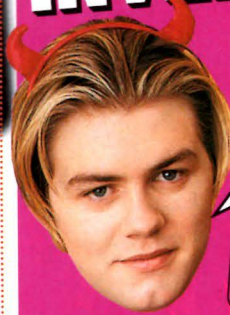
I Believe I Can Fly by R Kelly.

Anything to declare

I'd love to snog Billie.

We asked the stars...

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE INVENTED IN THE 21ST CENTURY?



One of those zapper-transporter things like in *Star Trek*. So you can just be zapped from place to place. I'm fed up of flying, it's so boring!

Bryan Westlife



We really need someone to invent a contraption to allow you to put sunscreen on your back, because there's not always somebody around to do it for you and if you rub it on yourself you get hand prints on your back!

Britney

I'd like a plane that goes really fast - then I could get between places round the world without all that boring travel.

Claire Steps



An automatic pooper-scooper that'll clear up after my puppy without me having to, erm, get involved!

Rich Five



A zup-zup machine. So you can zup from one place to another without having to travel or sit in traffic.

Mark Ley



I'd like a time machine, just so I could use it to go back in time and do the Poll Winners' Party over and over again. It was the most amazing thing!

Jon 7



A lot more good looking men!

Faye Steps

Something that enables you to float, boots or a jet-pack or something. I don't want to fly, I just want to hover, that way you can just chill.

Abs Five

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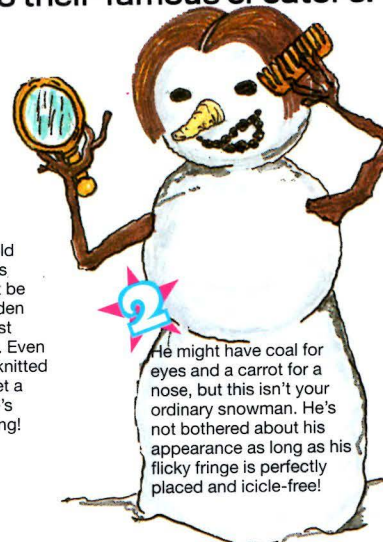
Ronan will retire from pop to become an ostrich farmer

THERE'S SNOW BU LIKE SHOWBUSIN

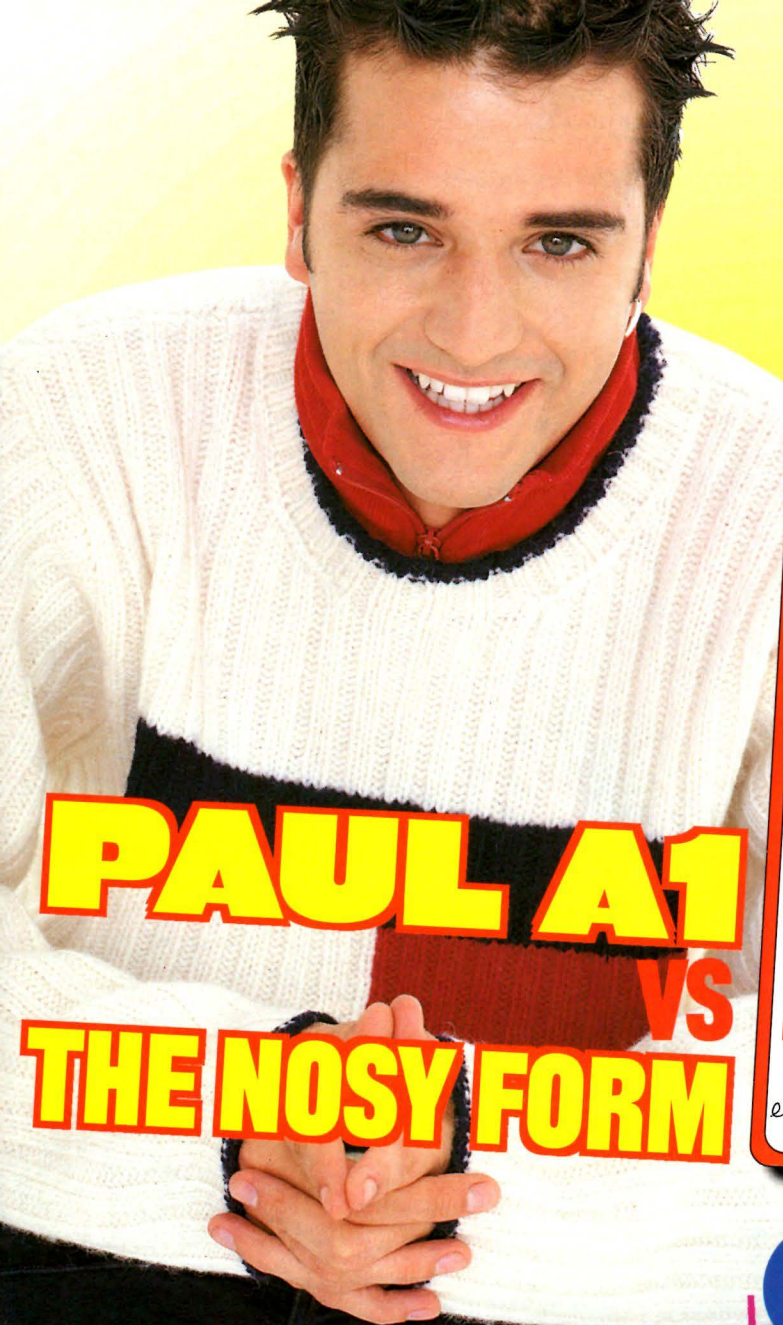
Everyone likes to build snowmen, but can you match these special snowmen to their famous creators?



Forget dodgy, old bobble hats, this snowman won't be seen in any garden without the latest Gucci handbag. Even granny's hand-knitted scarf doesn't get a look in, this one's cashmere dahlings!



He might have coal for eyes and a carrot for a nose, but this isn't your ordinary snowman. He's not bothered about his appearance as long as his flicky fringe is perfectly placed and icicle-free!



PAUL A1 VS THE NOSY FORM

Hello, my name is...
PAUL A1

My band are the best band since...
THE BEATLES

We're much better than...
THE NOLAN SISTERS

I smell of...
Tommy

My dream date would be...
SALMA HAYEK

I'd die if anyone found out about my...
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' Video

The biggest misconception about me is...
My HEIGHT I'm really 6ft 2in

My mum makes me...
Water the Garden every time I go to Spain.

I'd hate to be stuck in a lift with...
Somebody with flatulence

My dog...has the most awful...
flatulence.

Here's a secret about me...
I don't have flatulence.

My best friend (famous) is...
Ricky Martin.

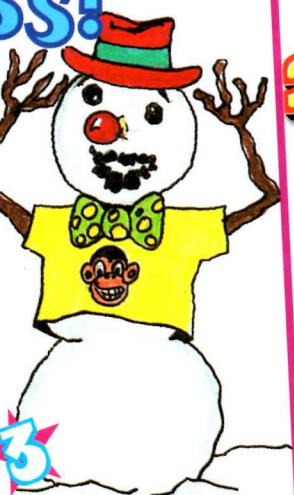
My best friend (non-famous) is...
SPOD

flatulence ...really makes me sick

Self-portrait here...

BACK ATCHA!

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SS!



Although he's made of ice, this snowman's got a heart of gold. He's ditched his carrot in favour of a red nose 'cos he's a birrova clown, and his twiggly arms are perfectly positioned to dance the winter away!

ANSWERS: 1. Victoria Beckham
Snowman 2. Ben A1 Snowman
3. H Steps Snowman.

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Mariah Carey will decide to cover herself up and invest in a floor-length winter coat

The Cleopatra girls are back on your telly, and as Yonah told *Smash Hits*, the new music isn't far behind...

It's been ages, what have you been up to?
We went on holiday to Mexico and then came back and started on the new album and the second TV series.

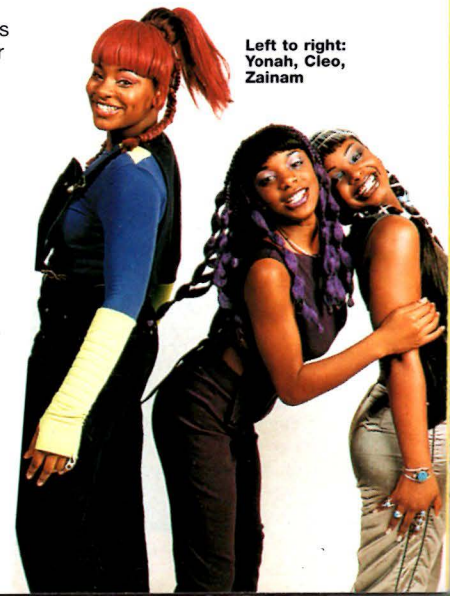
What happens in the new show then?
Well, I don't want to give too much away, our mum's gone away and we go totally mad! Zainam goes totally overboard Cleo's calm and spiritual, I just muck about and Terry's a brat! (Laughing)
Nothing's changed really. Oh and we've managed to get loadsa sexy boys in there too!

And what about the new music?
It's totally universal,

we've got R'n'B, rock, pop and dance stuff. We're really excited! Acting's like a hobby or another job to us, music is our first love. You've got to check it out when it comes your way later this year!

Anything else changed, since you've been away?
Well, we've all got boyfriends now so we've calmed down a bit. They're not famous, they're just totally normal boys. (Pause)

It doesn't stop us looking around though, hahaha!
Some things never change...



Left to right: Yonah, Cleo, Zainam

GUESS WHAT WE HEARD...

GUESS WHAT WE HEARD POLL WINNERS' SPECIAL

PUPPY POWER

We bumped into a disgusted looking **Abs** in the café upstairs on rehearsal day. "I had to get out of the dressing room," he moaned, shaking his head. "**Rich** has got his new puppy, Milo, in there and he keeps leaving little presents all over the floor! The smell's terrible!" Oops...

LIGHTS, CAMERAS... STOP!



Down in the *Smash Hits* photo studio backstage, there was all sorts going on. During a quiet moment (our snapper had fused his lights trying to take photos of **Ronan**, **S Club 7** and **Sharleen** **Texas** all at the same time) *Smash Hits* managed to narrowly avoid a bout of pop star fisticuffs...

Sharleen was just signing an autograph when **Hannah**, mistaking her for a non-pop star type person, grabbed the pen right out of her hand! Never mind our snappers' bulbs, **Sharleen** looked like she'd like to punch **Hannah's** lights out! Luckily, *Smash Hits* were on hand to intervene and disaster was averted...

HAIR TODAY...

Spare a thought for **Boyzone's** poor choreographer. The poor fella was ambushed by **Ro' and Co** in their dressing room, and held down while the band shaved all his hair off! And did you notice Best New Band **Mero's Tommy** had a spanking new haircut? He got that 'cos band mate **Derek** caught him asleep the night before and hacked a load of his hair off! "Just before our big break, in front of 20 million people watching on TV, I decided to cut his hair for him!" laughed **Derek**. "He wasn't happy!"



PENNY FOR THE POP STAR?

A bizarre conversation was overheard as **Tom Jones** and **Cerys Catatonia** left the stage. "Fancy a drink later?" asked Tom. "Naah," replied Cerys, "I'm skint." And you thought all pop stars had money dripping out their ears... Still, it explains why Cerys was seen leaving our photo studio with someone else's award stuffed under her coat!

PARTY ON!

The fun went on well into Monday's early hours at the after show party in Leicester's swanky Little Havana club. **Hannah** bounced around looking a little, ahem, 'refreshed' (must have been all the excitement), while **Bradley** joined **Dane Lev** on stage to wail along to the tunes provided by top DJs **Dream Team!** As well as them, **Britney** and the **Backstreet's** fave remix merchants, the **Sharp Boys** span some of the platters that matter, and the last slightly wobbly popsters were seen staggering out at 1am. Roll on next year!

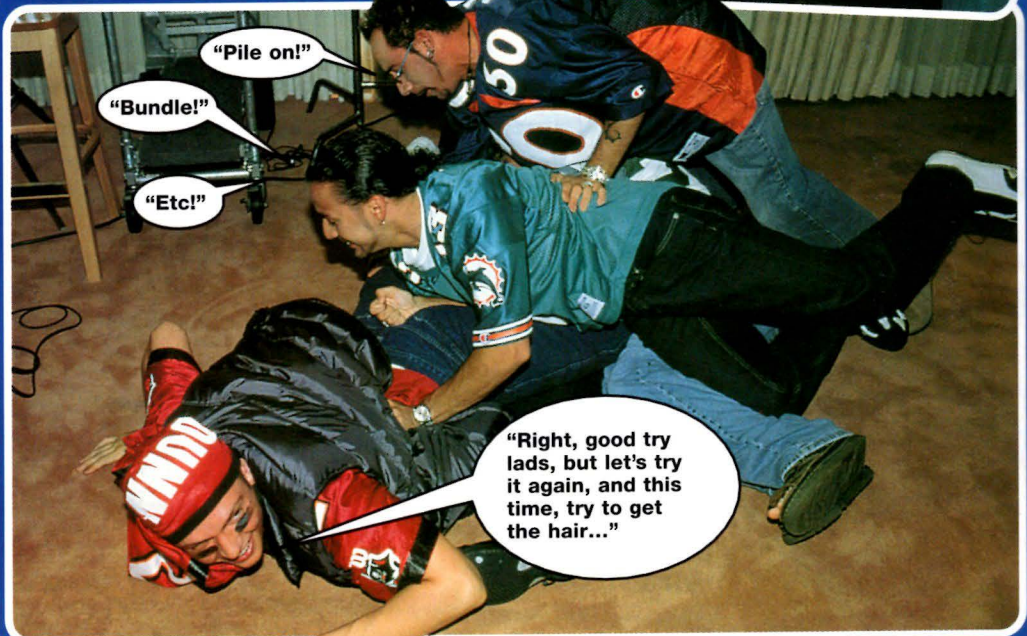
QUICK! CALL THE HAIR POLICE!!!



Gad, and indeed, zooks! What the fleece'n'firkin has Nick done to his hair? The Backstreet Boys may have picked up four trophies at last month's Billboard Awards in America, but it's obvious that Nick has still got his heart set on particular prize: The Best (or, very possibly, Most Tragic) Haircut Award at Poll Winners' 2000!

How did Nick achieve this strawtastic new 'do? *Smash Hits* were granted extra-exclusive access to a top secret Nick Carter styling sesh...

Nick: "Right lads, I've got me special frizzifying head gear on (\$5.99 - a snip!)...
Brian: "...and the eye make-up?"
Nick: "Er, yeah, that's important too... Now, on the count of three, everybody jump on me head and mess my hair up!"



"Right, good try lads, but let's try it again, and this time, try to get the hair..."

"THE QUEEN SAID SHE DIDN'T LIKE MY LAST SINGLE!"

Justin might have been away from Planet Pop for almost a year, but his life's been anything but boring. He got on the blower to tell us exactly what he's been up to...

I did pretty well in my exams...

I went back to school for six months, but I still didn't get any time to study! I just went in there, said a prayer before and hoped everything went well. I was as nervous going into my exams as I am going on stage, but I'm always well prepared for going on stage and I could have been a lot more prepared for my exams!

I nearly died...

We were filming my new video *Let It Be Me* (out now!) on the top of Ben Nevis. I had to stand on the edge of this cliff and wave my hands about while the helicopter flew round and filmed me. But when a helicopter flies near you there are big gusts of wind, and it was blowing so hard I thought I was going to fly off the side of the mountain. The helicopter left just in

time, but I'm never doing that again, I was so glad to get down!

I met the Queen...

I won an award for young Scottish achievers. I wasn't a fan of the royal family, but they went up in my estimation after meeting the Queen. There were about 150 people there and this posh looking lady came up to me and said I'd been one of the four people picked to speak to the Queen. She said, "Oh, you're Justin. I didn't like your last single, but I liked the one before that!" It was weird having the Queen know stuff about me!

I went on tour...

I did the 911 tour which was a great laugh and I toured with Boyzone. Ronan said he loved my new single which was a really good boost to my confidence!

Justin's had his problems with wind

YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!

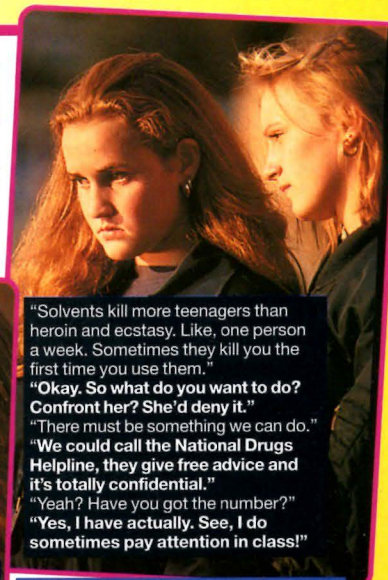
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"I saw her buy them."
"Buy what exactly?"
"Cans of hairspray."
"Perhaps she's trying some new brands."
"And lighter fluid!"
"So she's smoking."
"Don't be stupid! She's sniffing them. It's those people she's been hanging with. I told you they were trouble."
"You're just upset because she blanked you yesterday."



"I'm not upset. Did you see how she was acting after school yesterday, all giggly and silly?"
"I dunno, so she takes the odd sniff. What's the big deal?"
"Don't you ever pay attention in class?"
"Um..."



"Solvents kill more teenagers than heroin and ecstasy. Like, one person a week. Sometimes they kill you the first time you use them."
"Okay. So what do you want to do? Confront her? She'd deny it."
"There must be something we can do."
"We could call the National Drugs Helpline, they give free advice and it's totally confidential."
"Yeah? Have you got the number?"
"Yes, I have actually. See, I do sometimes pay attention in class!"

It's illegal for shopkeepers to sell solvents to people under 18 if they suspect abuse. It's also illegal for them to sell cigarette lighter refills to under-18s.

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Welcome to the first Pepsi Chart page of the new millennium. Hope you had a very merry Christmas! Anyway, I've got over my partying, let's get down to the gossip...

Martine McCutcheon came down and wowed everyone, even though she's been having a tough time with her health. She's a real trouper though, and always a top bird, and she's taking me for lunch soon to The Ivy (London's swankiest restaurant). I'll tell you next time what we had, but I know Martine likes the sausage and mash there.

Sir Cliff came on the chart as well. You have to take your hat off to him. He ends the millennium as the most successful act ever in the British chart, he's a really lovely fella and he's raised a lot of money for charity. I say good luck to him!

Another band we had on the show who I think are gonna do really well in 2000 are **Atomic Kitten**. I remember the very first time I met the **Spice Girls**, they sang *Wannabe* to me in a hotel corridor! They were so bubbly and excited you really wanted them to succeed, and Atomic Kitten are the same - except they have as much energy in the three of them as in five Spice Girls!

Two other people we've met were **Lennox Lewis** the new world heavyweight boxing champ and the most enormous man I've ever met, and **Vinnie Jones** again, who came to Pepsi Chart HQ to hang out. He'd been filming with **Brad Pitt**, and they got on very well he said - Brad was making everyone tea! It's weird, a few years ago he was a non-league footballer, now he's telling me, "I had lunch with **Michael Caine**, and next week I'm doing something with **John Travolta**." It's good for anyone that's dreamt of being famous, you just have to work hard.

Anyway, hope you had a happy New Year, and keep tuning into the Pepsi Chart!

Fella



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The whole Kitten caboodle



The Jones/Matthews wedding went well



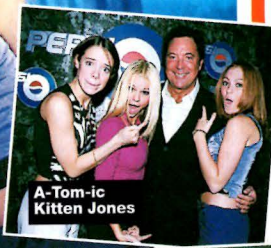
Martine was a bit cold in the studio



LeAnn, wait a minute, that doesn't rhyme



A-Tom-ic Kitten Jones



Phats & Small get the point



Wamdue Project - but where are George Michael and Andrew Ridgely



Foxy's Chart Tips

The acts you'll see in next year's Pepsi Chart! 2000



Christina Aguilera

▶ **Christina and Britney** have both got new singles out soon. *Genie In A Bottle* was a great pop song, but listen to her new one and her voice is amazing. I can't believe a voice like that comes from such a small package!



BBMak

▶ I hope **BBMak** do it this year, 'cos they're really nice lads and they're very talented. They get lumped into the whole boyband thing, but they're not, they write their own stuff and play their instruments - they just happen to be a very good looking band!



Korn

▶ I think in 2000 we're gonna have a bit more guitar music coming in, especially from America. 1999 was a great year for real pop, but I think we're gonna see bands like **Korn** - who've sold 15 million albums in America, doing well over here. There's always a market for rock!

Watch found in launderette

All-Night-Bright Launderette, Notting Hill Gate

What was that glow under the spin dryer? Your Lorus Fusion with Vividigi display? Looks like it was suds resistant as well as water resistant. Left by man in chauffeur's uniform and woman in tiara who stripped and washed their clothes last Saturday at 2am

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BRITNEY ALL SMILES?

"NOT EVERYONE'S

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TELLS JOHN HINDMARCH

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Sitting pretty?

Part 1



It is late December and the biggest musical sensation of 1999 is laughing. On the surface, there doesn't seem to be much

difference between the giggling girl sitting opposite us now and the brand new star-to-be we first met nearly a year ago. She's still the same bubbly girl with soft, Louisiana manners and a soft, Louisiana, 1,000-word-a-minute voice. But there are differences. 'Cos since last January, Broccoli's sold over 10 million albums, had number ones all over the world, and, oh yeah, just a week ago, she celebrated her 18th birthday...

So Britney, the big 18, how do you feel?

You know, I don't feel any different! I can remember being in the ninth grade and my brother turning 18 and thinking, "Wow! He's getting older!" and I thought it would be this big deal for me, but it isn't.

Is that because you've had to grow up quickly 'cos of what you do?

I think that's inevitable if you're surrounding yourself with so many adults. I'm a mature person, a lot of people say I have an old soul. But at the same time you've gotta stay young and not always be so serious all the time. I can still be goofy and silly - it's always good to just crack up, do something really stupid and just not care.

Like what?

Well, for example, when me and my friends were getting ready for my birthday party, we put on Missy Elliott and we were making up shows and acting stupid and jumping on the bed, and y'know, you just don't do that with older people. (Giggles) Well I don't!

Does seeing your old friends keep you young then?

Oh yeah, they all came up from Kentwood for my birthday party. I wanted celebrities to be there, not for me, but for all of my friends, 'cos they're just from the same small town that I am and they were really excited.

So you definitely don't think you

"People call to offer my little sister a record deal, and she's only eight!"

missed out on a normal childhood then?

I really did have an amazing childhood! When I was nine I was playing with my dolls and performing on the side, but I was just away for the weekend. I didn't miss out on my childhood being away for a weekend! Now I see kids on tour and they're nine or 10, and it's not really their decision to do that. It really irks me to see kids coming into this business so young. It's like my little sister, all these people are calling, going, "She could have a record deal right now" and she's eight! I'm like, "LET HER LIVE HER LIFE".



When talk turns to the future, Britney leans back in her chair, a thoughtful look comes into her eyes. Just 18 she may be, but

Britney is wise - and honest - enough to admit that following up her spectacular 1999 is a daunting prospect...

Do you worry that you've had such a good year you'll never be able to repeat it?

That is a scary thought, a scary thought, and if someone tells you that it doesn't go through their mind - well it does go through their mind!

Is it hard getting the same level of excitement for your fourth single, or your fifth award show, as it was for your first?

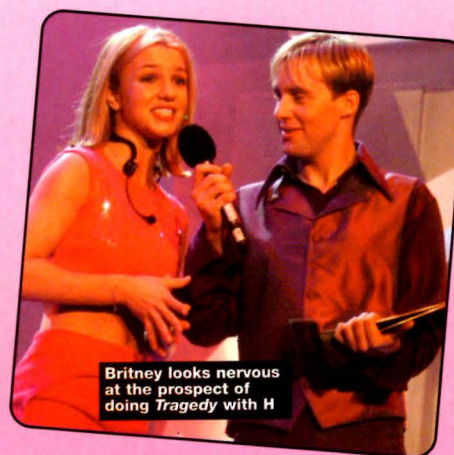
Y'know what, I totally understand what you're saying. Because when I went to my first award show, I was like, "Oh my God, oh my God!" but now, what I feed off are new challenges and different performances. Just being there and having all those people out there is just the most adrenalin-filled, just the best, feeling in the world. That's something I'll never lose.

The new single's called *Born To Make You Happy*, do you feel there's pressure to always be "Britney Spears: pop star," always smiling and entertaining?

Well, I'm kinda like that anyway, I'm just myself! But if I'm in an airport and I don't feel like smiling, I just put my hat on and hide. But if fans come up and they're real with me I'm like, "Sure".

Does it upset you when fans make wrong assumptions about you?

Yeah. There was one time when there were loads of fans in an airport all screaming at me to sign autographs. I was just trying to sort something out and I was like, "Can you wait a second?" and they started calling me names



Britney looks nervous at the prospect of doing *Tragedy with H*

'cos I didn't go out straight away. I was like, "Who are you to judge me? You don't even know me!" Sometimes I can be really, really sensitive, but I'm getting used to it. Now I just think, "Hey, not everyone's gonna like you, Britney".

Have you ever found yourself crying on your own in a corner of the world somewhere?

Oh yeah, some nights if I'm just tired I'll cry, but I'm a goob like that! I guess girls are just moody. But the next day I'll perk up and I'll be the happiest person in the world again.

Have you ever been crying one minute, and then smiling for the cameras 10 minutes later?

Not during the day, usually I'm really happy with my job and I really like what I do. But at night, sometimes if I'm tired I'll call my mom, and I'll be like (sobbing), "Mom, I'm tired and I miss you".

If you'd been upset before you did this interview, would I be able to tell?

No. I've only been in that situation once. I had a rehearsal to do and I got a phone call from my mom who thought I was finished for the day because of the time difference, and she told me that my aunt had found out she had cancer. I just lost it, I was so upset. I didn't tell my mom I had the rehearsal, but I went out there and I just couldn't do it, I just couldn't stop crying. If it gets to that point, you just have to stop, but thank God it never really gets like that.

And that's not all! See the next ish for Part Two of our exclusive interview, when Broccoli will be talking about Billie, boyfriends and babies.

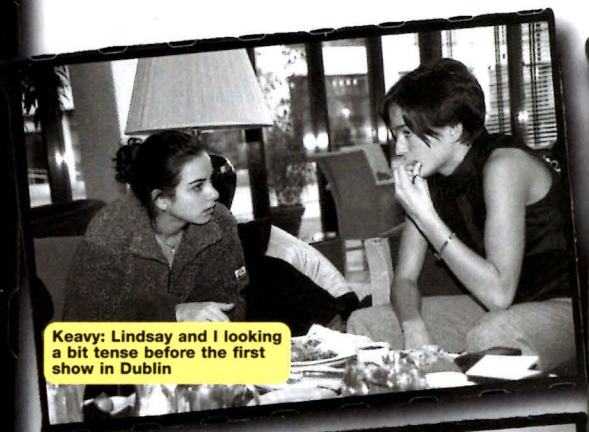


Broccoli's new *Smash Hits* awards lapels will be all the rage this spring





Edele: That's us saying our prayer and thank you to God before going on stage



Keavy: Lindsay and I looking a bit tense before the first show in Dublin



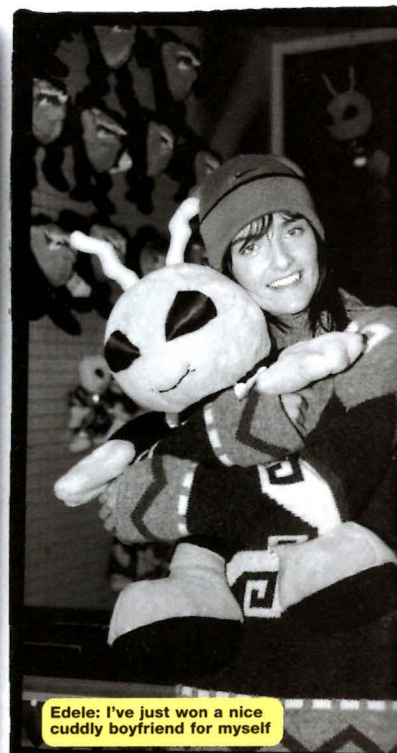
Lindsay: Having some fun before the show, on the pier in Brighton

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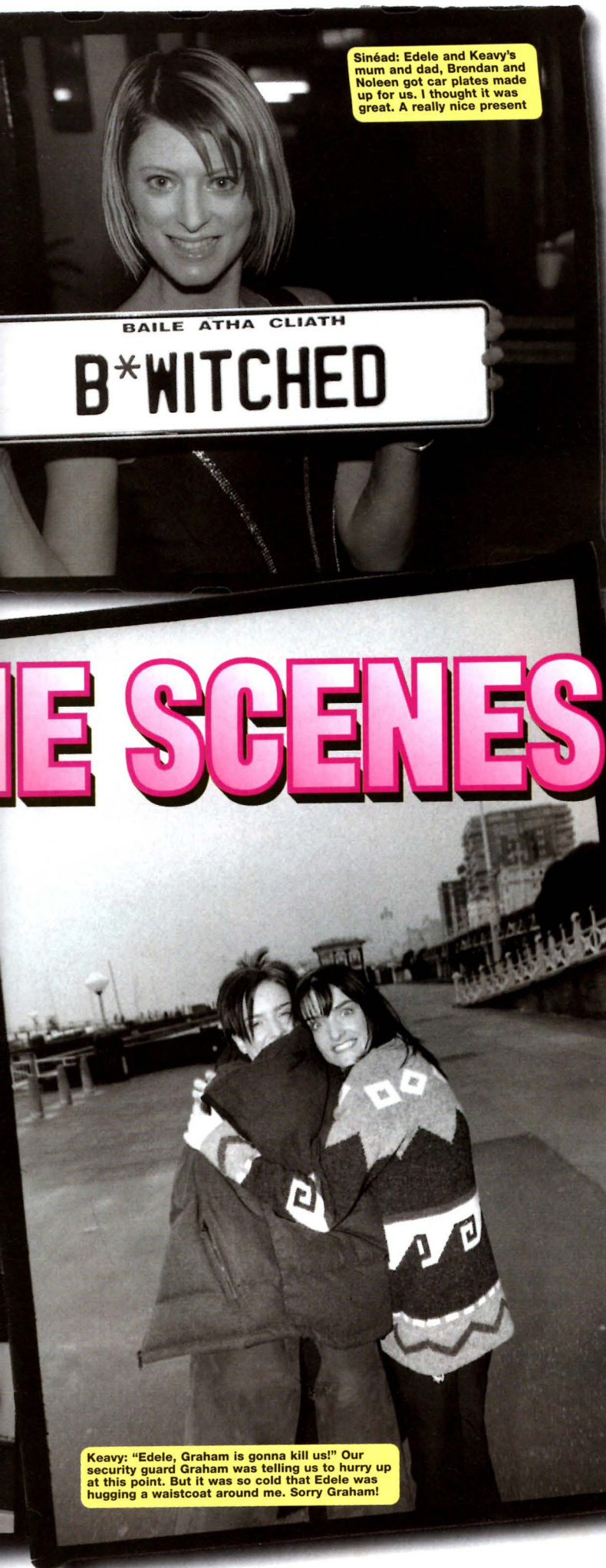
Take a peek into **B★Witched**'s secret scrapbooks, as the girls invite us backstage on their first tour...



Edele: I've got cement on my hands. I don't know how I'm going to sign your autograph



Edele: I've just won a nice cuddly boyfriend for myself



Sinéad: Edele and Keavy's mum and dad, Brendan and Noleen got car plates made up for us. I thought it was great. A really nice present



Who's that girl?

kinds of useful stuff. Things like fashion, beauty tips and celebrity gossip. I also find out what films are worth going to see and which CDs are worth buying.

Who is your best friend?

I've got lots of friends in Cadbury Land, but my best one is Buttons. We're really close. I know some people think it's strange being best friends with your little sister, but we agree on everything.

she's older, she's wiser, but what makes  tick?

So, Giant Buttons, tell us a bit about yourself...

I'm Buttons' big sister. I've got the same springy legs with ButtonCutters on the end. But with the name Giant Buttons, you won't be surprised to learn that I cut out bigger Buttons, Giant Buttons in fact.

Do you live in Cadbury Land all the time?

Yeah, that's where I live, but because I'm a little bit older than everyone else in Cadbury Land, I go out into town every now and then. While I'm there, I suss out all



Have you got any pets?

Yeah. A guinea pig called Fluffy. But because I do so much travelling around, Buttons looks after it a lot, so I suppose it's half hers and half mine.

What's your favourite food?

Oh, that's easy; fish finger sandwiches with lots of ketchup and a can of something fizzy to wash it all down.

What's your favourite item of clothing?

OOH! My ButtonCutter shoes. Without them I could never make all the Giant Buttons that I do. But if I'm doing anything else, I wear trainers. I love trainers! I've got seventeen pairs!

"...I love trainers! I've got seventeen pairs!"

What's your favourite telly show?

That's really difficult, I love The Big Breakfast loads, but my favourite is Friends - I love Joey and Rachel the best.

What's your favourite make-up?

Just anything really cool. I like that glittery stuff a lot.

And finally, what's your favourite possession?

All my friends in Cadbury Land, and my ButtonCutters. I couldn't do my job without them.

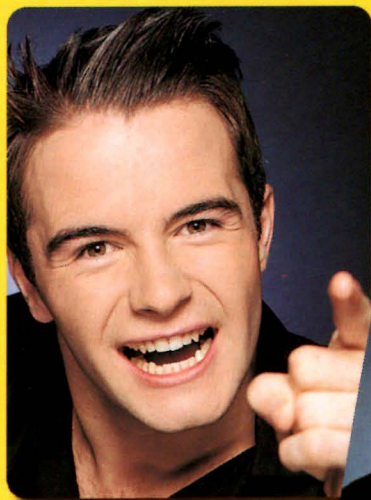
Who's your favourite Pop star?

I absolutely adore the Honeyz. But I think my favourite would have to be Geri Halliwell. She's made loads of good records. I was saying to Buttons the other day, I'd love to see her live.



How to work for 100 days straight, ruin your love life, miss yer ma and still keep smiling. Shane tells all to Colin Kennedy

PHOTOS TOM HOWARD



THE SHANE GAME



These are some of the things I've learned about Shane Filan. He hates coffee. His favourite Boyzone song is *You*

Needed Me. He loves his ma. He uses the word "totally" a lot. He's sick of fake girls who have seen him on the telly, but don't know his name. He and Nicky (his best mate in Westlife) go on the "beer rampage" together and call it Shnicky. He's never finished a book. And just recently he's started crying at films...

Shane: I cried at *Notting Hill*, when he was racing in the car to stop her leaving. I cried at *Armageddon* and *Titanic*. I don't know what it is, I never cried at films when I was younger.

SH: Are you getting more sensitive? **Shane:** I dunno, I looked at *Notting Hill* and I thought, "That's what I want". She was in the movies, I'm in pop, but she still met Hugh Grant and he was just a normal guy.

SH: So what you really want is a female version of Hugh Grant?

Shane: Exactly.

Mummy's boy

When he was younger, before he became pop's version of Julia Roberts, Shane Filan just wanted to sing. His mother, Mae, remembers him aged two singing "a few lines" of a traditional song to help an election campaign in

Sligo, the town on Ireland's west coast where Shane was born. "He was always entertaining, always singing," Mae says. "Sometimes you'd have to stop him singing to do his homework."

But Mae didn't stop him singing for very long. "My dad has a great voice and he helped me with my technique," explains Shane, "but my mother was the one who was always pushing me. The rest of my family are, like, doctors, teachers, engineers, and they've all done really well, but when it came to me, she knew all I loved was singing."

In fact, Mae did more than just support Shane. When things were looking grim for his band IOU, she made the phone call which would change her son's life. That one phone call to Boyzone's manager Louis Walsh ("I still don't know how she did it," grins Shane) would eventually lead to Westlife. But, hang on a minute, we're getting ahead of ourselves. We haven't discussed Shane's six elder brothers and sisters, or his love of Michael Jackson, or his

showjumping skills. And poor Shane hasn't even ordered his food yet...

Just another wet Sunday afternoon

We're sitting in the Saint M restaurant in the so-trendy-it-hurts St Martin's Lane Hotel in London (where Britney stayed on her recent visit to London) and it's a wet Sunday afternoon in December. Last night, Westlife won the Record Of The Year competition for *Flying Without Wings*, and Shane partied hard. Very hard. But he was still up at 9am for a photoshoot. It's now 3pm, Shane is about to eat his first meal of the day ("sirloin steak, very well done") and I'm ruining it by asking questions. Luckily, Shane doesn't seem to mind...

SH: When was your last day off?

Shane: We had a day off in September. We haven't had a day off in something like 100 days now. There was a time when Sundays were free; now it's just like a Monday, or a Tuesday. It could be any day.

SH: So is working 100 days non-stop worth it?

Shane: It's already paying off, look at what's happened in those 100 days. We've had two more number ones, we've won Record Of The Year and our album's nearly double platinum!

SH: Yeah, but if you can't enjoy life, what's it all for?

Shane: Sure, but the first couple of years, the five of us agreed that we're going to have to work every day to make Westlife a success everywhere. This is what we signed up for.

The professional

"I like chats, rather than being asked the same question over and over." Interviews it seems, are a part of the job Shane just takes in his stride. And it's the same for photoshoots. Despite the fact that Shane figures he must have done "two... no, 300 this year," he was completely happy before the camera.

In fact, everyone who meets Shane comments on his 'professionalism,' but this time it was something a little bit extra – his first solo cover. "It's one thing I always dreamed of 'cos I always used to buy *Smash Hits*, you won't believe how big a pop fan I was! I'm proud to be on the cover and all the lads are very happy for me." Strangely though, Westlife's co-manager was less enthusiastic. "It's not very fair to pick one lad over the

"The five of us agreed that we're going to have to work every day to make Westlife a success everywhere. This is what we signed up for"



others," commented Ronan when we told him Shane was on the cover. Ro's point was that the 'Lifers' are all equal, all leaders," but Shane's still surprised. "Ronan said that? I don't know why." Perhaps 'cos he's protecting you from the spotlight he receives in Boyzone? "I don't think I'm like Ronan though. In Boyzone, Ronan was always out there, he sings nearly every track, but we're more of a team, like the Backstreet Boys."

The BSB comparison was also suggested by Shane's bandmate Bryan. "Everyone thinks that Shane's like Ronan, but he's very different. He shares the stage charisma, but he's more like Brian Backstreet - he does a lot of lead vocals, but he's not that upfront." Not that Bryan begrudges Shane a solo cover: "He deserves it, I think he's the most popular person in the band. But if you told him that, he'd deny it. He's very cool, very modest." As for Shane, he feels no conflict at all: "I'm here as Shane Filan because my face is on the cover, but I'm promoting Westlife totally. So close are Shane and his fellow band members that sometimes they could be the same person. Example..."

SH: Have you noticed that when I ask you a question about your future, you answer with 'we'?

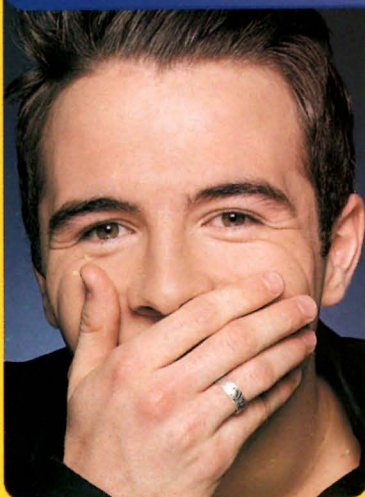
Shane: (Pauses) I've never noticed that! I'm so used to talking as a member of Westlife that if I'm talking professionally I'm talking on behalf of the other four.



SHANE FILAN: A HISTORY IN FIVE FACTS

- ▶ He has been known to get on better with horses than humans. "They never tell you that you're wrong."
- ▶ He had eight parents. "I was spoilt, with six elder brothers and sisters, everyone looked after me."
- ▶ He loves numbers. "I studied accountancy at college before I dropped out to join the band. I still keep track of everything, even now."
- ▶ He knows every line in *Grease*. "I played Danny twice and Kenickie once. I'd actually like to do more acting in the future, maybe even some theatre."
- ▶ And the hardest day(s) of his professional life was when he had to tell three of his friends from IOU that they were out of the band. "It was just so ruthless, but that's the business. Two of the guys aren't friendly with us anymore and I can't blame them, I mean we kicked them out the band."

"I'm just looking for a serious relationship. I'd just love to have a girl I could ring anytime, Nicky is so lucky"



SH: Are you that in sync?

Shane: Oh yeah, if you asked them the same questions, you'd get more or less the same answers.

SH: Is that accident or planning?

Shane: Planning. We often sit down and talk about the future. I know what kind of car Nicky wants to buy.

SH: So when did 'I' become 'we'?

Shane: I honestly don't remember. (Smiling) I do always say we, don't I?

Shane Filan is a daydreamer

Everyone says so. "He's standing right there and you're shouting his name," shrugs Mark, "and you literally have to

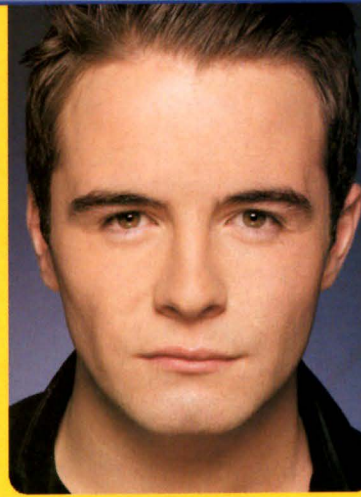


hit him on the head to get his attention. His latest excuse is it's a sign of intelligence." ("A doctor told me it was a sign of intelligence," Shane tells me.)

Shane used to daydream about being Michael Jackson. These days he dreams about two things: A big house with a lake and a flash car in the driveway ("I'm quite a material person"); and a girlfriend...

SH: What are you looking for?

Shane: I'm just looking for a serious relationship. I'd love a girl I could ring anytime, Nicky is so lucky. It's grand to see all these beautiful women and go out with them, or chat to them, but you know you won't see them the next day.



SH: So you're dating a lot?

Shane: Oh yeah. (Smiling) We all enjoy ourselves.

Although Shane says he's ready for his first relationship since he was 16, he still has to ask himself if he could juggle a girlfriend and the band. It's a question he obviously struggles with. "I could always fit in a girlfriend. If I met a girl I wanted to stay with, I'd stay with her no matter what." But he adds later: "Georgina and Nicky are lucky 'cos they have a five-year foundation. If I have to start from scratch, it wouldn't be easy, you know?" And later still: "To be honest, I wouldn't make a good boyfriend 'cos I wouldn't be there for her. If she was upset I'd have to say,

'Sorry, I'll see you in a month and I'll stop you crying then.' That's one of the bad things about being in Westlife, you can't have a normal love life."

Not that Shane is complaining: "This is the commitment I've made. This is my dream I'm living and if I can get a girlfriend and be happy and have Westlife, that's the perfect scenario."

The perfect scenario

There's one person reading this who might know if Shane has a chance at the 'perfect scenario'. When I asked Shane to describe his dream girl, he tells me, "I like this one girl so I'll explain what she has." It turns out the girl is from Sligo and went out with Shane when he was 13. He wouldn't tell me her name, but said he hoped to meet up with her over Christmas and "have a nice long talk." He also said he'd mention this article, so she could read about herself...

SH: So?

Shane: She's cute, she's not a model, she's got a nice figure, blah, blah, blah.

SH: What's "blah, blah, blah"?

Shane: Very nice body, you know what I mean? (Blushes and laughs) Whatever.

SH: Dark hair?

Shane: No, blonde. And she's a very nice person. She's very down to earth and when I go home she doesn't treat me like I'm in Westlife, she treats me like a normal guy.

SH: So, like a female Hugh Grant from *Notting Hill* then?

Shane: (Laughing) Exactly.

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WE'VE GOT MAIL!

DODGY PHOTO ALERT!

Steps by Keeley Leng, South Yorkshire

DODGY PHOTO ALERT!

Dec Point Break by Vicki, Peterborough and Kez, Sheffield

STEPS LOVE US

Dear John
I went to Steps' concert Birmingham in November and it was brilliant. And I just wanted to know whether or not you knew about the end of the concert when H screamed out, "Buy loads of *Smash Hits*!" I was like, wow, you're even more famous than I thought!
Clare Mendes, Leicester
H is fab - haven't you seen his mum's letter?

UH-OH!

Dear John
WARNING! I am a very close friend of J Five and he says he'll smash your face in if you don't let me win £20 and the Bootleg voucher, so I'll Keep On Movin' if I was you or it's *Slam Dunk Da Funk* time when J gets hold of you! Hahaha! Calm down, he won't hurt you that much. (NOT!) See you in hospital.
PS: If Ya Gettin' Down with J, be warned that he is fit Every Day!
Five and BSB fan, Goole
J doesn't scare me. Much.

SUPERFAN No987

Dear John
I'm moving house and while I was packing my magazines, I counted every single *Smash Hits* I owned and the total was 68! Can you believe that? My first SH was the April 9-22 ish in 1997 and I've been getting it ever since! Am I a faithful fan or what?
Pip Flanagan, Sutherland
Oh, I've been buying it since I was 12 - a while ago now. Can anyone do better?

THIS FLOORS ME!

Dear John
I live near Weoley Castle and the other day while shopping I saw it - A1 Carpets. I went in and asked for Ben, Christian, Mark and Paul, but I was told they were out earning their keep. As a devoted A1 fan I'm worried about them leaving the pop music business. So if you send me £20 I'll go and pass it on so they don't go bankrupt!
PS: Weoley Castle is in Birmingham just in case you want A1's autographs.
Katherine Tooker, Northfield
'Cos of Ben's hair, shouldn't it be A1 Curtains?

TOUR THE BEST!

Dear John
I want to thank you for bringing the *Smash Hits* Tour to Glasgow. It was great and all the bands were excellent, especially Westlife, A1 and Mero. So thank you

Dear John...
In reference to a letter in your Dec 1st issue of *Smash Hits* who was a letter saying that 'H' steps is thick and stupid.
Can I please put the fans right. I am writing to my son who's name is Ian only his nickname H has stuck with him.
He has 5'0 levels
1 A level.
art + Design.
so he is by no means stupid or thick.
Please put your reader Rachel, Edward + friends from Derby straight.
Thanks a lot.
Gaynor Watkins 'H' mum. P.T.O.
Concerned mother

H'S MUM WRITES!

Dear John
In your December 1 ish, there was a letter saying that H Steps is thick and stupid. Can you please put the fans right? I'm referring to my son Ian, whose nickname H has stuck with him. He has five O-Levels and one A-Level in Art & Design, so he is by no means stupid or thick. Please put your reader Rachel Edworthy and friends from Derby straight. Thanks a lot.
Gaynor Watkins, Concerned 'H's' Mum, Rhondda
Wow, thanks, Mrs W! I'm sure your son will be very touched by your support. No-one here thinks the Funniest Person in Pop is dim. Any other pop star mums want to write in?

very much and please come back to Glasgow next year.

Maria, Glasgow

This is one of the squillions of letters about the Tour and Poll Winners'. To everyone who came, thanks for making it the best ever!

THEY'VE MADE MY LIFE!

Dear John,
You should thank Westlife for making me buy *Smash Hits*. I used to borrow it, but now I buy my own to see those five gorgeous lads. Here's a thought... why not have more piccies of Kian? And can they come to Brunei for a change?
Bahrina Duraman, Brunei
We're sure Westlife will be over eventually - after all, they want to conquer the whole world!

HE'S NOT NICKED HIS STYLE!

Dear John
I can't believe Sophie from London said Bryan was trying to be like Nick Carter. Bryan is better looking and 10 times the man Nick will ever be. Just 'cos Bryan has blond hair it doesn't mean he's trying to be H Steps.
Nicki and Courtney, Hampshire

POP PENPALS POP PENPALS

Fancy finding a Pop Penpal? Wanna swop gossip and posters? Then get scribbling to Pop Penpals at the normal *Smash Hits* address on page 63

*66 Essex Girl

Mad, fun-loving Essex girl who wants a pop penpal aged 12-14. My hobbies include trampolining, reading, writing, singing, listening to music, dancing and chillin' with my mates! I love TLC, Eminem and Armand Van Helden. I hate Boyzone, Lolly and Steps.
Lucinda, Sudbury

*67 Utter Nutter

Hiya! I'm Kay, if you want an utter nutter and a chocoholic for a penpal then you're reading the right ad. I love shopping, going to the cinema, having a laugh and especially listening to Billie, B*Witched, S Club 7, Steps, Britney and Fierce.
Kay, 12, West Midlands

*68 Party Girl

Do you just absolutely love Westlife and S Club 7? If you're over 13, get scribbling to me and we can party!
Patrick Pearce Tower, Dublin

*69 Lively Lass

Are you a lively lass who loves to chat? If so, put pen to paper and get back to me, 'cos I want a girl pop penpal aged 14 and up.
Saranne, 15, Glasgow

*70 Pop Gal

Hi! I'm looking for penpals aged 11 and above to share my pop knowledge with. It doesn't matter if you're a boy or a girl, just as long as you're interested in pop! So flood my mailbox, replies guaranteed.
Loures, Singapore

*71 Steptacular Hamster Fan

I'm Lucy (a massive Steps fan) and I have five hamsters. I would like anyone who likes Steps to write to me now. So get those Steptacular pens writing!
Lucy, 15, Hants

*72 Five Fan Finn

If you love music, get writing to me, 'cos I'm a girl who likes BSB, Britney and Five, watching music videos and reading music mags!
Milla, 13, Finland

*73 Friends Fan

I'm looking for a pop penpal who loves S Club 7 and Steps. Someone who enjoys watching *Friends* (Rachel's my favourite) and *South Park* (Cartman's my favourite). If you're aged between nine

and 12 then write now.

Laura, 10, Lincoln

*74 Terrific Travis Fan

If bands like B*Witched get on your nerves, but you love Travis, Stereophonics, Garbage, Robbie Williams and The Cardigans, then write to me. Also you must be mad and crazy and definitely up for a laugh.
Eve, Ireland

*75 Poster Trader

I'd like a penpal who will trade any Spice Girls and 'N Sync posters and pictures. I have Boyzone, Westlife and S Club 7 to swap.
Maxine, Tyne & Wear

If you want to reply to any of the above penpals follow these simple steps:

- 1 Mark the number of the penpal you want to write to on the front of your envelope, with your letter to them inside.
- 2 Only write to one penpal per envelope.
- 3 The closing date for replies for these ten

penpals is January 26, 2000.

4 Your letter will then be forwarded to your penpal. Good Luck!

Due to an overwhelming response and limited space, *Smash Hits* is sorry but not all the Pop Penpal letters can be printed. Please note that any letters not clearly marked will be destroyed.



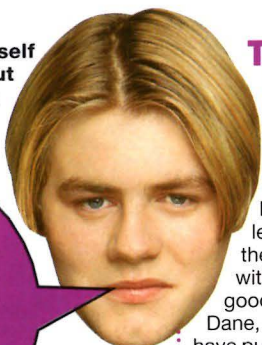
Happy New Millennium! Let us know what your pop resolutions are for the year 2000. Send us your thoughts, gossip, jokes, rants and ravings, snaps, doodles etc, to: **Dear John, Smash Hits Letters Page, Mappin House, 4 Winsley Street, London W1N 7AR.** You can email us too: **smash_hits@ecm.emap.com** Oh, and if your letter's printed you get a Smash Hits pen and the best letter gets £20 and £40 worth of Bootleg boots vouchers


BOOTLEG

DAREWEAR 000121245

Bryan Westlife himself asked to write about this letter. He said:

I'm not trying to copy anyone's style, I'm just me. I have a lot of respect for the Backstreet Boys and Nick Carter, but we're two very different people.



THREE'S COMPANY BUT FOUR'S BETTER

Dear John

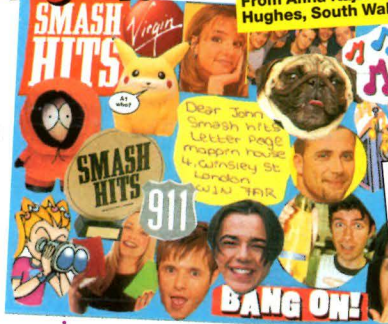
I don't think Wayne should leave Another Level 'cos the band won't be as good without him. He was the only good looking one and I think Dane, Bobak and Mark should have put more effort into getting him to stay 'cos the boys aren't going to last long without Wayne.

Laura, North Yorkshire

There might be a few Da Lev fans who disagree with you.

FUNKY ENVELOPE

From Anna Kajzer-Hughes, South Wales



The GALLERY



Ben A1 by Lisa Padley, West Yorkshire

KEEP ON BUYIN'

Dear John

I just want to know if there's a bigger Five fan than me. I have 2,442 things about Five, including 157 posters, 98 interview pages, 15 front covers, 191 books of facts, 13 photo frames, four notebooks/pads, one inflatable head, one CD holder, two folders, 10 keyrings, two albums, one video, 37 official photos, one badge, one pencil case, 15 pictures drawn by me, five Internet pictures, 22 Songwords Cards, 1,670 little cut-out pics and 196 stickers. I have to keep them all in a shoebox, but now it's getting too small! Sarah Myles, Five's biggest fan

Of course a shoebox is too small (unless you've got size 113 feet!).

SPICED OUT!

Dear John

Hello there! I am writing to this great mag to say LEAVE EMMA AND GERI ALONE! I think the papers and TV and media have been really unfair. Everyone loved Geri when she was in the Spice Girls and most people still love her, but if someone asked me to choose between Emma and Geri I couldn't, they're both great. I'm wishing them both my support and good luck. Hayley McGinty, 11, London

We love 'em too, that's why they were both on the cover of *Smash Hits* last year!

PERFECT!

Dear John

You probably won't print this as you don't usually print anything bordering on the controversial, but we are two very annoyed Westlife fans. In your November 3 ish a so-called Westlife fan wrote in criticising Shane saying she was in love with him, despite his imperfections. WHAT IMPERFECTIONS?! Two Huge Westlife Fans, Coventry

Dunno, everyone look at our pictures in this ish and see if you can spot any.



SQUARE EYES

Dear John

The song numbers on The Box are the same as the mark out of a thousand I'd give them. I'd give *Genie In A Bottle* 406 and *Keep On Movin'* 555, but *Two In A Million* would get 777 'cos it's fab! Charlotte Galvin Law, Essex

What about poor Westlife's *Flying Without Wings*. That was only 147!

MORE THINGS

Dear John

I also have a few things to get off my chest:

1. Nick Carter IS fit!
2. STEPS ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD, so there!
3. S Club 7 aren't rubbish, me and loads of other fans think they're brill!
4. Lolly rules!
5. BSB are excellent!
6. People should stop saying nasty things about the best people in pop.
7. Did I mention Steps are the best?

PS: Steps you were brill in concert! Steps No1 Fan, Kelly Woolley, Wales

1. Thanks for that.
2. Any other lists please write in.
3. Er... that's it!

THE BEST LETTER IN THE WORLD EVER... 'til, er, next ish...

IT'S CHARLOTTE AQUALIBRA!

Dear John,

We were looking through our fave mag *Smash Hits* when we noticed a pic of Christina Aguilera. We think she looks a lot like our friend Charlotte. Please send me £20 to buy Charlotte make-up like Christina's - then she can perform in front of the school! Samantha Coates and Claire Thorp, Co Durham

That's the best pop lookey-likey I've seen since Keavy and Edele! Take the £20 and keep 'em coming...

WINNER!



BOOTLEG



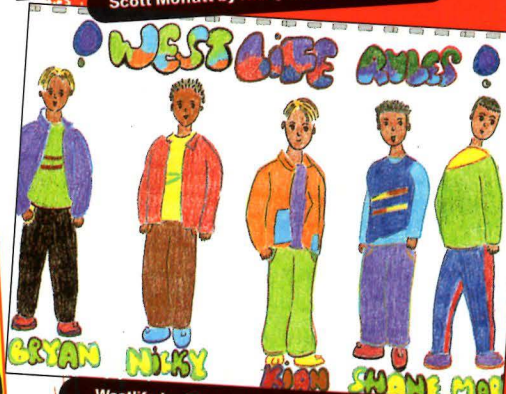
Ace! £20 and a Bootleg voucher, all for me... Wahey!



I'm a genie in a bottle, gotta rub me the right way...



Scott Moffatt by Nicky Charley, Malaysia



Westlife by Charley Wanyoke, Malaysia



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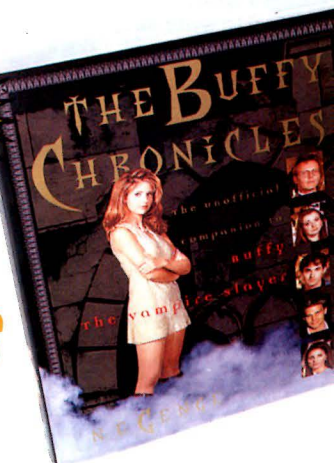


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Music 2000/Smash Hits,
PO Box 84, Peterborough PE4 5HB



OR
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TO:

15 Buffy Chronicles books



☐ Are you a Buffy expert? Read this brill new book and you will be! We've got 15 copies to give away so get scribbling!



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OR
WRITE
TO:



Signed Ronan pillowcase



Signed Tour guide & Tour pictures



09068 252 338
Snoozin' With Ronan/Smash Hits,
PO Box 84, Peterborough PE4 5HB



OR
WRITE
TO:

☐ Snoozy Ronan let us nab his pillowcase for one lucky reader to win. And we got the Irish fella to sign it too! Sweet dreams...



☐ Wanna see what went on behind the scenes of our fab Smash Hits Tour? With this Tour Programme signed by all the acts and autographed pics, it's like being there... almost!



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Tour Goodies/Smash Hits,
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OR
WRITE
TO:

Signed B★Witched hat



☐ Those thigh-slapping Irish lassies have given us an exclusive denim cowboy hat, as sported by Keavy, for one lucky winner. Get scribbling and calling now!

5 Angels DVD EPs



☐ Fancy being one of the first people to own a Robbie Williams Angels DVD? You can if you win this fab comp. It features a selection of Robbie videos and also shows exclusive film footage shot during Robbie's writing trip to Jamaica.



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B★Witched Hat/Smash Hits,
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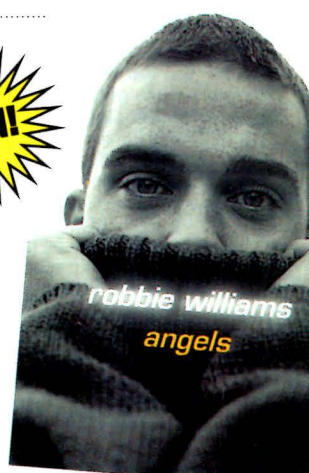
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MARTINE McCUTCHEON

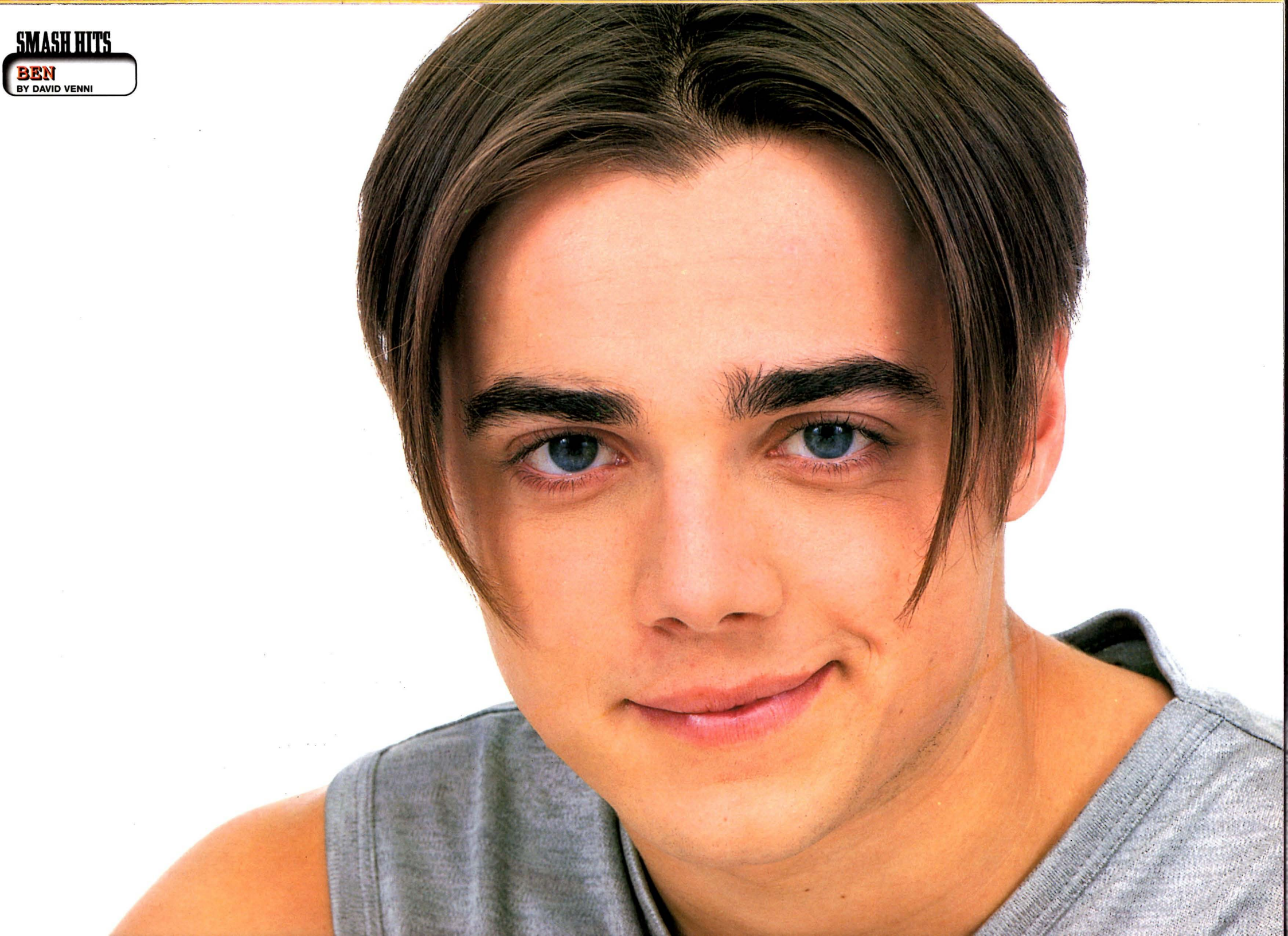
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SMASH HITS

FIVE

BY TOM HOWARD



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24 march 2000

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On 24 March 2000, it's the World Vision 24 hour famine - and we want you to ... **shut it!** To shut your mouth, and let no food pass your lips for a whole day. **Why?**

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shut it for Dali

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cut it!

Send your completed form to this address - postage is **free** so you **don't** need a stamp. **World Vision**, FREEPOST MK1730, Milton Keynes, MK9 3YZ

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Britney Spears
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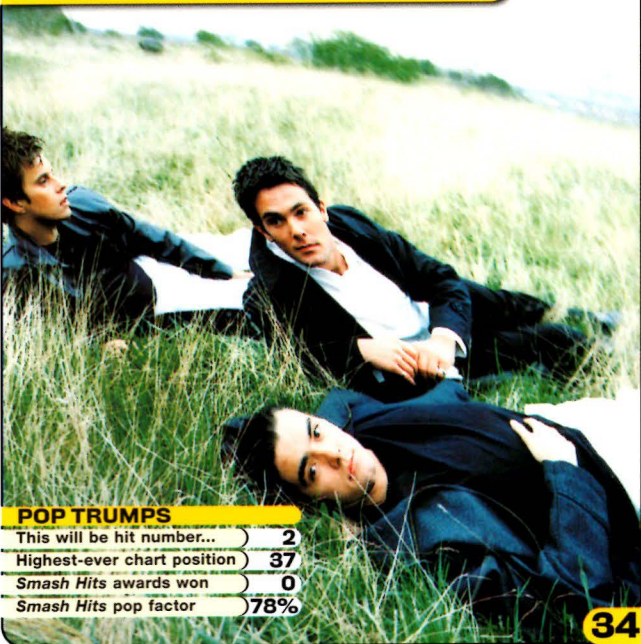


POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	4
Highest-ever chart position	1
Smash Hits awards won	5
Smash Hits pop factor	89%

33

BBMak Still On Your Side



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	2
Highest-ever chart position	37
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	78%

34

Eurythmics 17 Again



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	23
Highest-ever chart position	1
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	63%

36

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Gloria Estefan & 'N Sync
Music Of My Heart



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	1
Highest-ever chart position	-
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	85%

39

Donell Jones feat. Left-Eye
U Kwon What's up



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	1
Highest-ever chart position	-
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	72%

40

BBMak Still On Your Side

Written by Benenat/Thiele/O'Brian/Burns/Barry/McNally. Published by Friends of Seagulls/Windswest Music/Paradise Avenue Songs/Warner Timberlane/Owenpop Songs. On Telstar Records

I'm still on your side : Don't you know who'll be there
Who will? I will
When it's more than you can handle
Ain't no lie
(Repeat chorus)
I'll be there (I'll be there, I'll be there)
I'll be there when you need me
I won't let you go
There's nothing I won't do, I'll be there, you know
(Chorus)
I will stand up for you
No matter what you're going through
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
Any time day or night
Don't care if it's wrong or right
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
I'm still on your side
I will still (I will) be around (gonna be around)
When the others let you down
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
Any time you need help and you can't find
nobody else
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
I'm still on your side (still on your side)

You found a place where you belong
New friends who can do no wrong
That's what you believe
But who's gonna be there when you fall
To build you up when you're feeling small
Give you love that you need
Who will? I will
When the whole world turns against you
Ain't no lie
(Chorus)
I will stand up for you
No matter what you're going through
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
Any time day or night
Don't care if it's wrong or right
I'm still on your side (still on your side)
I'm still on your side
You wanna run and you want to break free
But what you want ain't what you need
Can't you see that I care
I know I'm hard on you sometimes
But when you're looking for the things
you can't find

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection 34

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Donell Jones feat. Left-Eye

U Know What's Up

Written by Edward Ferrell/Darren Lighty/Clifton Lighty/Balewa Muhammad/Anthony Hamilton/Delvis Damon. Published by Warner Chappell Music/Balewa Songs Ltd. On Arista Records

Left-Eye: What up, what up
Say what, say what, say what, ah ha
Donell: Ooh, say what, say what, yeah
Ooh girl, you know what's up, ooh
Ooh, say what, say what, say what, yeah
Ooh girl, you know what's up
Me and my bruthas be rollin'
Schemin' on you and your homies
The very first day of summer
All chromed out in a Hummer, baby
Hit the park and parlay
Hope that you walk this way
Do you and your girls wanna ride
Play all day and puff on the la
(Chorus)
Ooh, say what, say what, say what
Y'know that I like it, baby
Ooh girl, you know (ah ha) what's up
And you know what I need
Ooh, say what, say what, say what
Y'know I don't doubt it baby
Ooh girl, you know what's up (you know what's up)
I'm diggin' you and I'm feelin' you (feelin')
You know what's up (I know what's up (ah ha))
Said I'm diggin' you and I'm wantin' you (uh, uh, uh)
So tell me what's up (tell me what's up)
Peep her thighs and I'm zonin'
Right around two in the mornin'
Looking fly with a sundress on
Think I feel a bone comin' on
Girl, you got me wide open
Waitin' all day and I'm hopin'
So baby, don't front
Backseat jeep, you know what I want
Ooh, say what, say what, say what, say what
Y'know that I like it baby
Ooh girl, you know what's up
Left-Eye: What up, what up
Ooh, say what, say what, say what
Y'know I don't doubt it baby
Ooh girl, you know what's up (oh, oh)
I'm diggin' you and (diggin') I'm feelin' you, yeah
You know what's up (gonna know what's up)
Said I'm diggin' you and I'm wantin' you (ah say what, say what, say what) tell me what's up
Left-Eye: So baby, tell me what's up, can we ascend to
higher heights
And when I grab ya front we can get into brighter nights
Breathe the peace, astound by leaps
And soul to reap, our souls to keep
The passion's deep and filled with heat
Livin' this life on the hustle I barely get enough time
You know me from the platinum, how I stack and me shine
Y'see a lot of contenders, they try to end up in my world
A reputation known as the untouchable girl
I'm movin' on and now I'm tryin' to make a change in my ways
Be the best that I can be to last me all of my days
Now we can place pathways or we can take our time
Better holler if you hear me 'cos Left-Eye gonna shine
My eyes don't lie, see how they glisten when you pass me by
You and I don't need permission to be unified
Surely I been seen and heard in many places
And I travelled around the world
Seen many faces don't let another one get near me
If you wanna be true and show me that nobody else
Can do it better than you
So if you're serious I'm curious to see what you got
My love is furious, 'cos I believe in blowing up spot
Donell: I'm diggin' you, I'm feelin' you (untouchable)
(Darren Lighty) You know what's up (ah ha)
Said I'm diggin' you and I'm wantin' you (Donell Jones, Left-Eye)
Tell me what's up (this is how it's going down)
I'm diggin' you, I'm feelin' you
You know what's up
Said I'm diggin' you and I'm wantin' you
Tell me what's up
I'm diggin' you and I'm feelin' you

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Britney Spears

Born To Make You Happy

Written by Kristian Lundin/Andreas Carlsson. Published by Zomba Music Publishers Ltd/Grantsville Publishers Ltd. On Jive Records

Oh, my love
Oh yeah
Oh yeah
I'm sitting here alone up in my room
And thinking about the times that we've been
through (oh my love)
I'm looking at a picture in my hand
Trying my best to understand
I really want to know what we did wrong
With a love that felt so strong
If only you were here tonight
I know that we could make it right
(Chorus)
I don't know how to live without your love
I was born to make you happy
'Cos you're the only one within my heart
I was born to make you happy
That's the way our life should be
I don't know how to live without your love
I was born to make you happy
I know I've been a fool since you've been gone
I'd better give it up and carry on
Oh, my love
'Cos living in a dream of you and me
Is not the way my life should be
I don't want to cry a tear for you
So forgive me if I do (ooh)
If only you were here tonight
I know that we could make it right
(Repeat chorus)
Oh yeah
I'd do anything, I'd give you my world
I'd wait forever to be your girl
(Just call out my name) just call out my name
(and I will be there) and I will be there
Just to show you how much I care
Oh yeah
I was born to make you happy (oh yeah), yeah
(oh yeah), oh yeah
I don't know how to live without your love
I was born to make you happy
'Cos you're the only one within my heart
I was born to make you happy
Always and forever you and me
That's the way our life should be
I don't know how to live without your love
I was born to make you happy

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Four-Digit Code: 1082

Eurythmics 17 Again

Written by Lennox/Stewart. Published by BMG Music Publishing. On RCA Records

Yeah, though we've ventured : Yeah, it feels like I'm 17 again
Through the valley of the stars : Feels like I'm 17, yeah
You in all your jewellery
And my bleeding heart
Who couldn't be together
And who could not be apart
We should have jumped
Out of that aeroplane after all
Flying skyways overhead
It wasn't hard to fall
And I had so many crashes
That I couldn't feel although
And it feels like I'm 17 again
Feels like I'm 17
Times might break you
God forsake you
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Leave you burned and bruised
Innocence will teach you
What it feels like to be used
Thought that you'd done everything
You didn't have a clue
Looking from the outside in
Some things never change
Hey, hey, ho
All those fake celebrities
And all those vicious queens
All the stupid papers
And the stupid magazines
Sweet dreams are made of anything
That gets you in the scene
And it feels like I'm 17 again
17, 17 again
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Sweet dreams are made of this
Who am I to disagree
I travelled the world and the seven seas
Everybody's looking for something, yeah

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Four-Digit Code: 1085

Gloria Estefan & 'N Sync

Music Of My Heart

Written by Diane Warren. Published by Real Songs. On Epic Records

You'll never know what you've done for me
What your faith in me has done for my soul
You'll never know the gift you've given me
I'll carry it with me, yeah, yeah
Through the days ahead, I'll think of days
before (ooh)
You made me hope for something better
(something better)
And made me reach for something more
(Chorus)
You taught me to run
You taught me to fly
You taught me to free the me inside
Helped me hear the music of my heart
Helped me hear the music of my heart (yeah)
You opened my eyes
You opened the door
To something I've never known before (ooh)
And your love (love) is the music of my heart
(music of my heart)
You were the one always on my side (always
on my side)
Always standing by (always standing by), seeing
me through, ooh
You were the song that always made me sing
(made me sing)
I'm singing this for you (singing this for you, ooh)
Everywhere I go, I'll think of where I've been (think
of where I've been)
And of the one who knew me better
Than anyone ever will again
You taught me to run
You taught me to fly (you taught me to fly)
Helped me to free the me inside
Helped me hear the music of my heart (yeah)
You opened my eyes
You opened the door (opened the door)
To something I've never known before (never
known before)
And your love is the music of my heart
Music of (music of)
(Music of my heart)
Is the music of my heart

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Four-Digit Code: 1088

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Justin Let It Be Me

Written by P Delanoe/Mann Curtis. Published by BMG Music Publishing. On Innocent Records

I bless the day I found you
I wanna stay around you
And so I beg you
Let it be me

Now don't take this heaven from one
If you must cling to someone
And so I beg you
Let it be me

Each time we meet love
I find complete love
Without your sweet love
What would life be
So never leave me lonely
Tell me you love me only
And that you'll always
And that you'll always
And that you'll always
Tell me you love me
And that you'll always
Let it be me

I bless the day I found you
I want to stay around you
And so I beg you
Let it be me

(Instrumental)

Each time we meet love
I find complete love
Without your sweet love
What would life be
So never leave me lonely
Tell me you love me only
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Tell me you love me
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Aurora Hear You Calling

Written by Sascha Clisson/Simon Greenway. Published by Rondor Music/Copyright Control. On EMI Records

I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
Through the night
I hear your voice
Draws me in
I have no choice
As I rise through the air
Your echo grows
I see time stand still
As I'm watching you all below

I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
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I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)

I can hear you (I can hear you, I can hear you)
Call
Cross the sky
Into the deep
Dreamed a dream
I lost complete
I look into the light
We haven't banned
I reach out for your touch
As I've fallen without a sound

I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)

I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)
I can hear you calling (hear you calling, hear you calling, hear you calling)

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Four-Digit Code: 1080

Mariah Carey Thank God I Found You

Written by Mariah Carey/James Harris III/Terry Lewis. Published by Sony ATV Songs LLC/Rye Songs (BMI)/EMI April Music Ltd/Flyte Tyme Tunes (ASCAP). On Columbia Records

Oh, mm-mm
Mm, da, da, da, da, da
Oh yeah

I would give up everything
Before I'd separate myself from you
After so much suffering
I finally found unvarnished truth
I was all by myself for the longest time
So cold inside

And the hurt from the heartache would not subside
I felt like dying
Until you saved my life

(Chorus)
Thank God I found you (you)
I was lost, lost without you
My every wish and every dream (mmm)
Somehow became reality
When you brought the sunlight (looh)
Completed my whole life (I'm)
I'm overwhelmed with gratitude
'Cos baby, I'm so thankful I found you (mmm, mmm)

Oh yeah, oh yeah
I will give you everything (everything)
There's nothing in this world I wouldn't do (oh no)
To ensure your happiness
I'll cherish every part of you
'Cos without you beside me (looh)
I can't survive
No, I don't want to try
If you're keeping me warm
Each and every night
We'll be all right
'Cos I need you in my life

Oh
Thank God I found you (I'm thanking you)
I was lost without you (so lost without you)
My every wish and every dream (every dream)
Somehow became reality (looh)
When you brought the sunlight (brought the sunlight)
Completed (completed) my whole life
I'm overwhelmed with gratitude
'Cos baby, I'm so thankful I found you (oh, oh)

See I was so desolate (so desolate)
Before you came to me
Looking back (looking back) I guess
It shows that we were
Destined to shine (shine)
After the rain, to appreciate
The gift of what we have
And I'd go through it all over again
To be able to feel this way (this way)

Thank God I found you
I was lost without you (lost without you)
My every wish and every dream (and every dream)
Somehow became reality (looh)
When you brought the sunlight (brought the light)
Completed my whole life (whole life)
I'm overwhelmed with gratitude
Sweet baby, I'm so thankful I found you (oh, oh)

Thank God I found you
I was lost without you (lost without you)
My every wish and every dream (every dream)
Somehow became reality (looh)
Baby, I'm so thankful I found you (oh, oh)
You
Overwhelmed with gratitude
My baby, I'm so thankful I found you found you

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection

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Four-Digit Code: 1084

Scooch More Than I Needed To Know

Written by Stock/Aitken/Crosby. Published by Mike Stock Publishing Ltd/BMG Publishing Ltd/Sony ATV Music Publishing Ltd/Copyright Control. On EMI Records

Ah, ha ha
You can tell me
I won't fall apart
So just be honest
And straight from the start
And it's so plain to me
Although the world may not see
Your smile's a disguise for
The truth that's written in your heart

Every now and then
I catch a glimpse of
Confusion within
And what I can't believe
You think that I'm so naive
To fall for the innocent
Look upon your face and...

(Chorus)
You don't let your feelings show (oh, no)
But your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know
Take those lies and let them go
'Cos your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know

I know that look so well
And I can't wait for the
Story you'll tell

With a hint of a grin
You'll just deny it again
Oh, when will you learn you can't
Fool a fool like me and...

(Repeat chorus)

Surely you'll see
You're not fooling me
The secret's out
There ain't no doubt

And what I can't believe
You think that I'm so naive
To fall for that innocent
Look upon your face and...

You don't let your feelings show (oh, no)
But your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know
Take those lies and let them go
'Cos your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know

You don't let your feelings show (oh, no)
But your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know
Take those lies and let them go
'Cos your eyes told me (told me)
More than I needed to know

SMASH HITS Songwords Collection

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Four-Digit Code: 1087

Point Break Stand Tough

Written by B Adams/D Oliver/D Barnes/J Trotter/D Holmes/A Tumi/K Barry. Published by Peer Music (UK) Ltd/Copyright Control. On Eternal Records

Don't you know that this is the beginning
(just a game)
Don't you know that this is just a game
(just a game, it's just a game)

(Chorus)
Stand tough (stand tough)
Never gonna get me down
Gotta get up to get up
Enough is enough
Stand tough (stand tough)
I'm never gonna give it up
Gotta get up to get up and up and up
Stand tough

This world is changing and the pressure's got me
going down
My feet are walking from this sad and lonely
one-horse town
Don't try and stop me 'cos I'm hurting from the
cold outside
My heart is jumpin', jumpin', jumpin' and I don't
know why

So what ya gonna do when it all comes down
Tell me (tell me), tell me (tell me)
What ya gonna do when it hits the ground (woah)

(Repeat chorus)

Had enough of everybody telling me just what to do
I've got to get this message through the wire and
straight to you
Bringing on the good times for the bitter ones are
sure to end
We've got to make a stand 'cos on this world we
all depend

So what ya gonna do when it all comes down
Tell me (tell me), tell me (tell me)
What ya gonna do when it hits the ground (woah)

(Repeat chorus)

Don't you know that this is the beginning
(just a game)
Don't you know that this is just a game
(just a game, just a game)

Stand tough (stand tough)
Never gonna get me down (come on)
Gotta get up to get up
Enough is enough
Stand tough (stand tough - huh)
I'm never gonna give it up (get down)
Gotta get up to get up (come on) and up (come on) and up (come on)

Stand tough (stand tough)
Never gonna get me down (get down)
Gotta get up to get up
Enough is enough
Stand tough (stand tough)
I'm never gonna give it up
Gotta get up to get up and up and up

Stand tough (stand tough)
Never gonna get me down
Gotta get up to get up
Enough is enough
Stand tough (stand tough)
I'm never gonna give it up
Gotta get up to get up and up and up
Stand tough (stand tough)

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Four-Digit Code: 1086

Aurora Hear You Calling




POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	1
Highest-ever chart position	-
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	72%

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Justin Let It Be Me



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	4
Highest-ever chart position	11
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	77%

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Mariah Carey Thank God I Found You



POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	21
Highest-ever chart position	1
Smash Hits awards won	2
Smash Hits pop factor	70%

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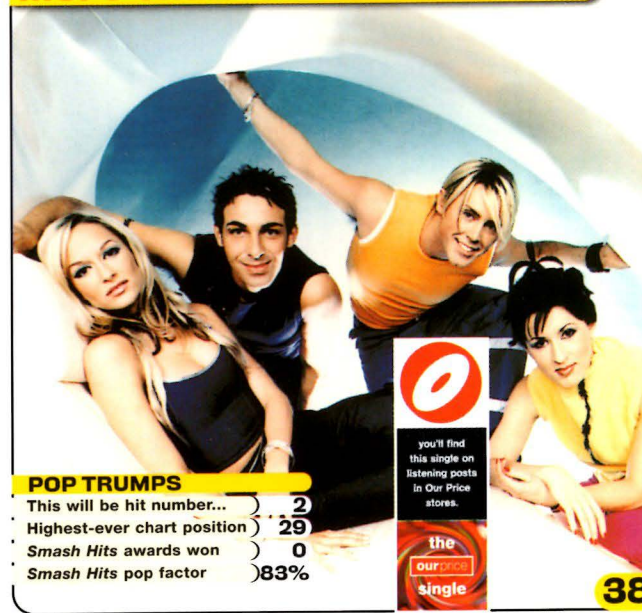


POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	2
Highest-ever chart position	29
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	81%

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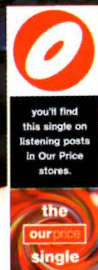
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POP TRUMPS

This will be hit number...	2
Highest-ever chart position	29
Smash Hits awards won	0
Smash Hits pop factor	83%

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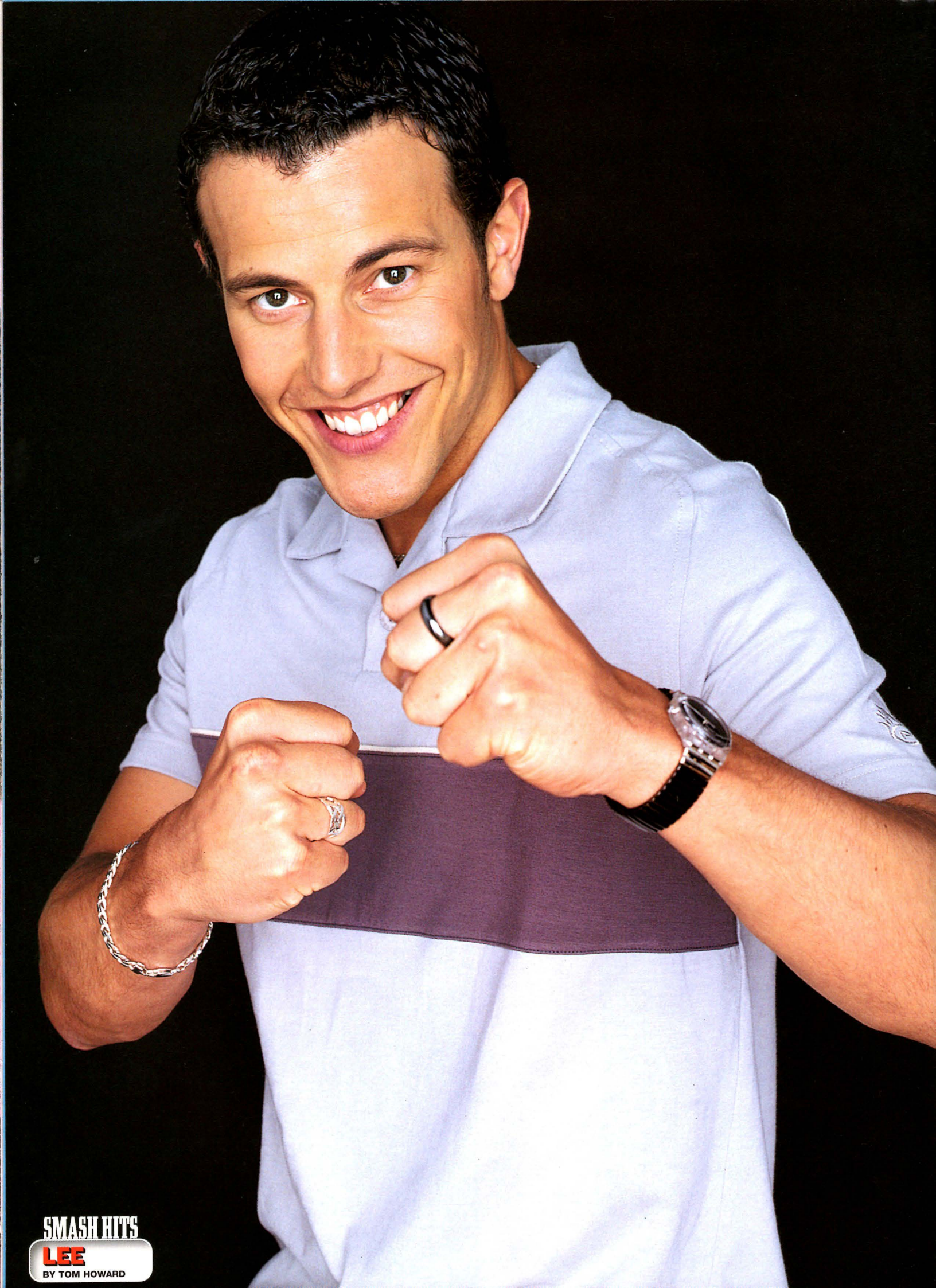


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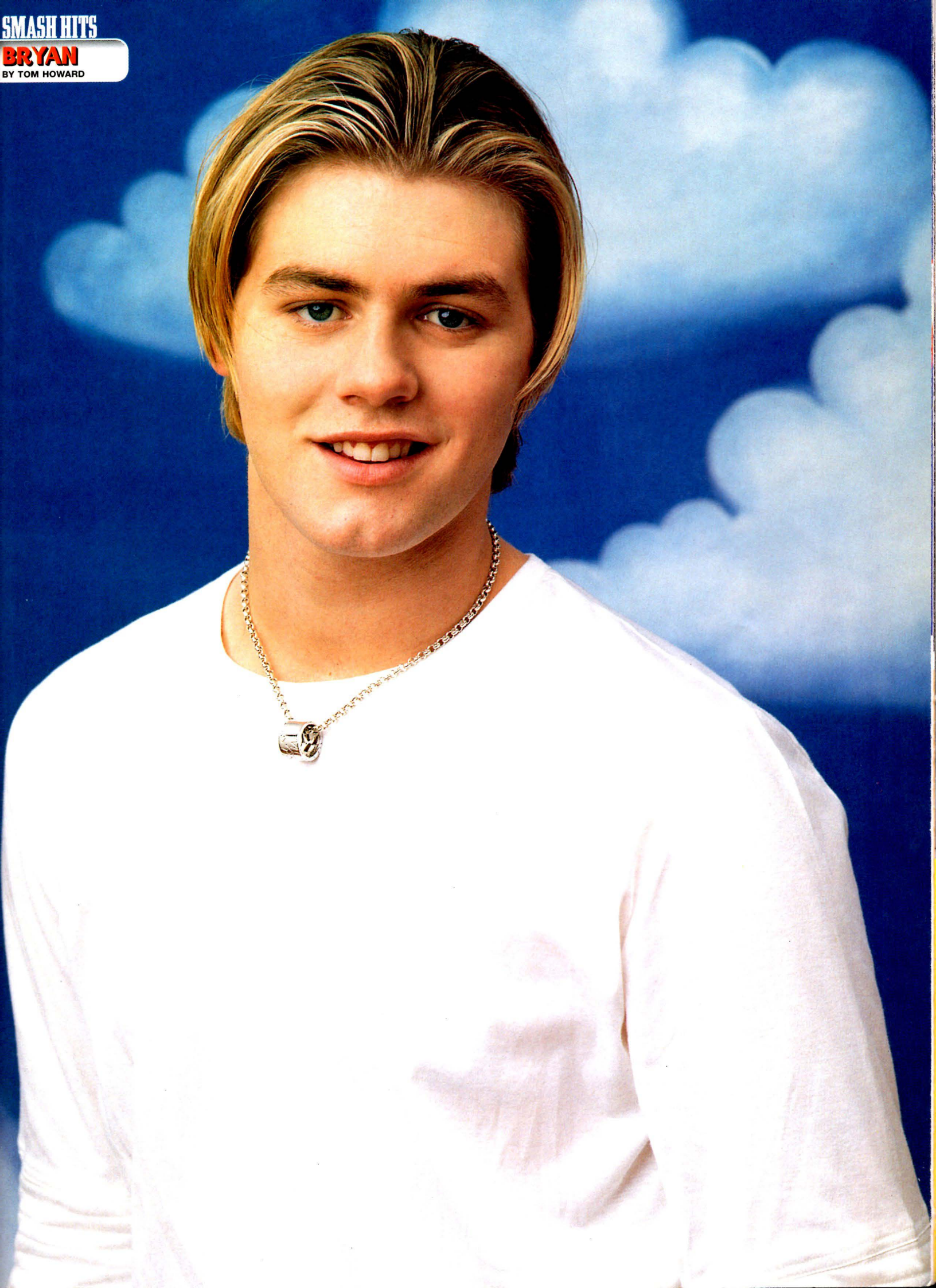
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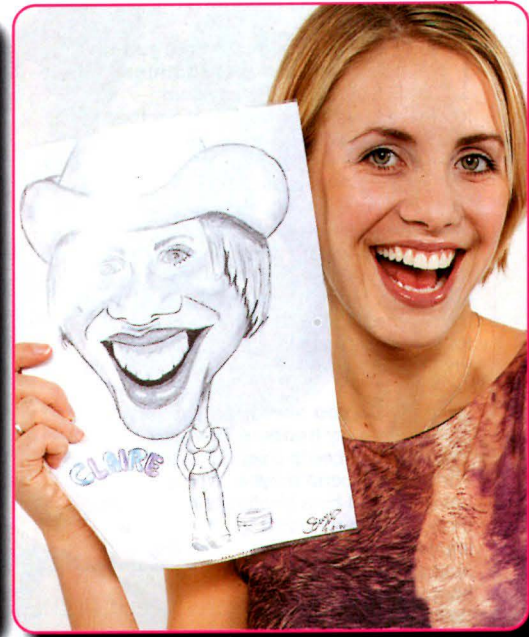
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THE STEPS-BY-STEP SECRETS OF HER SUCCESS...



You've got an amazing voice. Did you have singing lessons when you were younger or are you a natural?

Claire, East Sussex

I didn't have singing lessons when I was young. I've had a few since I've been in Steps, mainly when we're preparing to go on tour. But when I was at school I was told I was too young to have singing lessons. I still sang though. My music teacher used to make me sing in assembly and I was always doing little concerts.

If you could be on *Stars In Their Eyes*, who would you be?

Jenny Thomas, Shropshire

I actually applied for *Stars In Their Eyes* twice, but they never wrote back to me! I can't really remember who I wanted to be, probably Celine Dion or Barbra Streisand. I don't know who I'd be now 'cos I don't actually sound like anybody. I'd love to be able to sing like Whitney Houston or Karen Carpenter (legendary '70s crooner) so I'd probably be one of them.

Do you ever wish you could go solo? If you did, would you leave Steps?

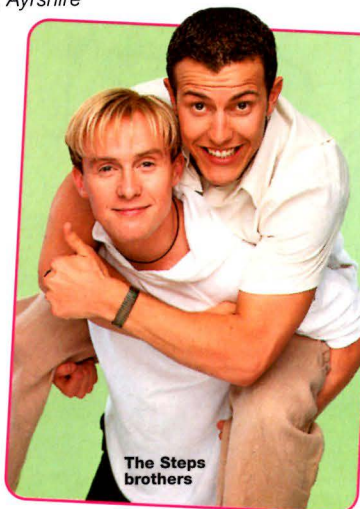
James Decosta, Hayes

That's something to think about for the future. I don't know if I could juggle Steps and a solo career. We all sing solo in our live show, but I don't think that reflects a desire to go solo, it's just different. I guess deep down everyone wants to go solo, but that's a long way off. We've got too much to do with Steps at the moment.

Why don't you and the rest of the band write your own songs?

Mandy McKerrill, Ayrshire

We do actually write songs on our own, but we haven't presented them for a Steps album yet. We've all been writing songs for a long time, but the first album was so rushed, there was no time to put any of our songs on it. Then for the second album, there were so many good songs, we didn't feel ready to record our own stuff. All five of us really want to write together so we've set aside some time for songwriting for the next album. We've all got books of lyrics and songs, but I think it's probably quite a feat to write a Steps song and we're not very experienced. The songs we write aren't necessarily Steps songs. Lee's got one of his songs in the show though, so hopefully on the next album there'll be something from all of us.



The Steps brothers

H is like my little brother and Lee is like my big brother!

Can you fit your fist in your mouth?

Joseph, Altringham

Probably! Is he trying to say I've got a big mouth? (Giggles) I've never tried, but I'd probably could..

Do you go out with one of the Steps boys secretly?

Steps fan, Exeter

No way! (Laughs) It was in the paper that I was going out with Lee and that we fell in love on the set of the *Tragedy* video. It was all just rubbish! H is like my little brother and Lee's like my big brother, so there's no way I'd ever go out with them.

How can you possibly not fancy Lee Steps, he is just sooo gorgeous?

Trudy Marchant, Peterborough

I just don't. None of the girls does. We always knew we had to work together and there's never been any attraction. We all like each other, but none of us has ever fancied each other. I'm not sure why!

You're in the record books for your arena tour. Are you going to try and break your own record when you tour again?

Amy Hutchinson, Coulsdon

Breaking the record was an accident. We started off with six dates and more kept getting added 'cos they were selling out so quickly. We want to do a few good shows this year so we're not trying to outdo ourselves. There'll be a lot of shows, but not as many.

IN THE SACK WITH... Claire Steps



I am a great fan of your hairstyles and try to keep mine looking similar. What products do you use and where do you have your hair cut?

Katie Cox, West Sussex

I have my hair cut at home by a hairdresser called Nigel, but I used to have it done in a place called Macmillian in Covent Garden. I use a bit of hairspray or mousse when I'm drying my hair, but apart from that, I use anything I can get my hands on. I've got some Paul Mitchell shampoo, but that was a freebie. I tend to go to Boots and buy whatever catches my eye. It takes ages to do my hair because I'm not very good at it!



How long does it take you to learn your dance routines?

Simon Bull, Birmingham

It takes me and H a little bit longer than the others because we're not trained dancers, but nowadays we can learn a routine in a day and brush it up the next day. We have been known to learn a routine one day and perform it the next, which is tough. I have had a few disasters where I've forgotten routines - your mind goes blank every now and again. Right at the beginning, when we first learned 5, 6, 7, 8 we were performing for record companies and I totally forgot my steps and made a real wally of myself!



Do you ever wish you had never become famous?

Francesca Bee, Carlisle

For a split second maybe. When you're being chased by a photographer you do think, "Why am I doing this?". But I've wanted to do this all my life so if it stopped tomorrow I wouldn't be happy. I love singing and being famous comes with that. I don't do it to be famous, I do it 'cos I love singing and it's the only thing I'm any good at. It's funny when you think of people like the Spice Girls and Madonna, 'cos that's an unreal fame, it's like a different realm. I don't know if I'd like to be like that, where we are now isn't too bad.



Do you get worried that new bands might become more popular than you?

Michael Kirby, Co Cork

No, it happens all the time doesn't it? There's always going to be someone coming up behind you and you'd go mad if you worried about it.



I was devastated to read in the papers that Steps are having rows about money. Will you be splitting up?

Ciara Howley, Kilkenny

I'd like to set the record straight 'cos all that stuff in the paper was a load



I could probably fit my fist in mouth, but I've never tried

of rubbish. We've never rowed about money, in fact, we don't row about anything. We have little niggles like families do because we are a family, but we've never ever rowed about money and the boys don't get paid more than the girls, so please don't worry about it. And we're not splitting up, Steps will be around for a long time yet!



You keep covering Bananarama ('80s girl trio) songs. Who chooses the songs and do you think you're as good as Bananarama?

Sophie, e-mail
Pete Waterman picks out the songs 'cos he used to manage Bananarama. We're different from Bananarama because we've got two boys in our band and it's the '90s now so we're putting a '90s twist on everything. We don't think we're better than Bananarama but we're definitely as capable as them.



You said you're a shopaholic on tour. Which is the best country to shop in?

Lucy Wadey, West Sussex (Giggles) Any country's good for shopping! I've spent most money in America 'cos we spent the summer there. We went back again recently and I spent a fortune again. I buy a lot of clothes, but on the last trip I ended up buying candlesticks and had to lug this huge candle all the way home on the plane!



Do you get nervous on tour and how do you calm yourself down before a big show?

Kirsty Stainsby, Nottingham

The first week of the tour I do get nervous and the first night I'm a wreck. Once I get nervous, that's it, there's nothing I can do to calm down, so I stay nervous 'til I'm on stage. But when we've done the show a few times we settle into it, I don't get nervous unless there's family, friends or somebody famous in the audience.

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If you're ever near Bury St Edmunds would you come and conduct our choir as our conductor is really strict?

Lizzie Parker, Bury St Edmunds (Bursts out laughing) Of course I would, I'd love to! I don't know how good I'd be because I've never conducted anything before so you'll probably be singing a bit too fast or a bit too slow, but I'll have a go!

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 Just as yummy as this pop duo, choccie bar Drifter is offering one lucky reader and a friend the chance to spend a day, including lunch with Mero's Tommy and Derek.

You saw and voted for them on the *Smash Hits* Tour and subsequently they won Best New Tour Act and performed *It Must Be Love* live at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners' Party. So we've teamed up with chewy chocolate snack Drifter to offer one lucky reader the chance to celebrate the lads' success by sending you off for a fun-packed day with them.

You'll join the boys at Madame Tussaud's for a walk round the greatest pop legends

of all time, then it's off for a burger and a milkshake at Planet Hollywood. What's more we're also sending along a photographer to take snaps of you all enjoying the day to be shown in a future issue of *Smash Hits*, cool or what?

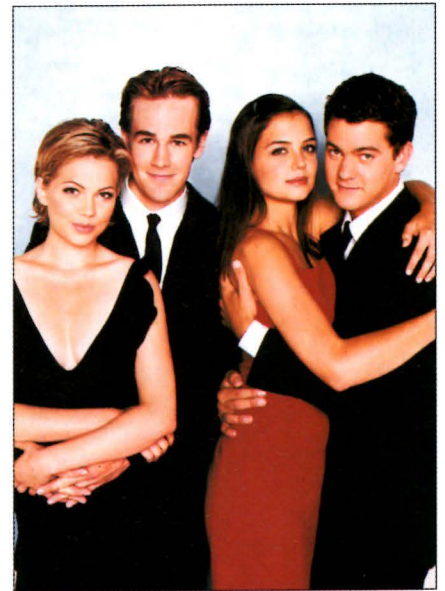
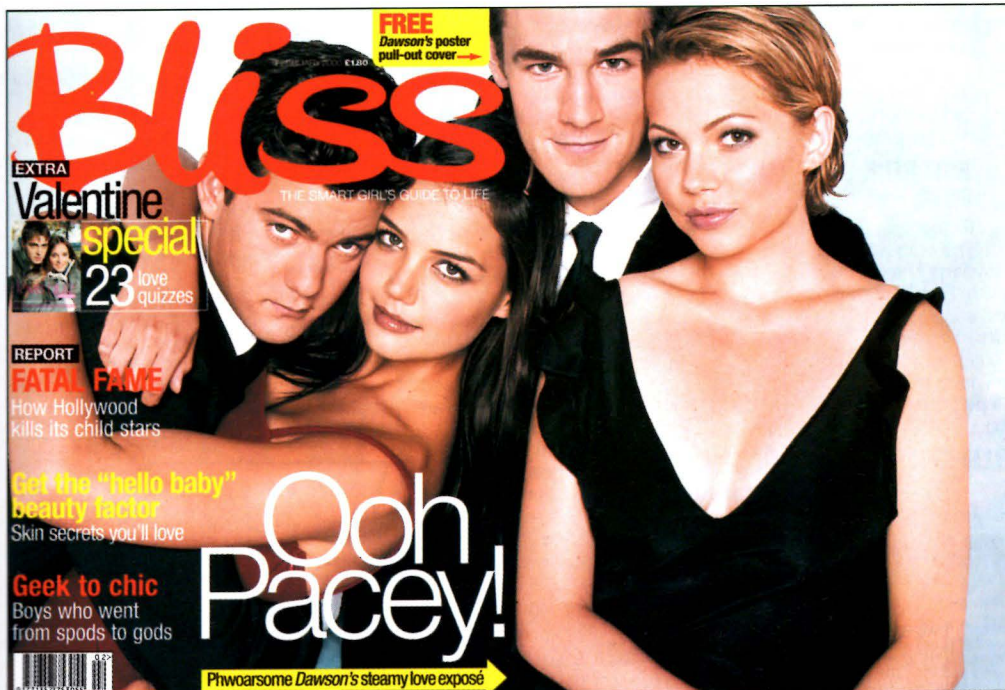
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Left to right:
Tommy and Derek



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REVIEWED BY
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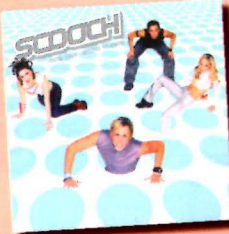
YOU HAVE TO HEAR THESE...



BRITNEY SPEARS
Born To Make You Happy

The fourth single from our little American princess

This is one of the best tracks on the album! A fab slice of Britney pop. Not as dancey as (*You Drive Me Crazy*) and not as smoochy as *Sometimes* – this mid-paced marvel proves that Britters can cut it on all levels of popness, hurrah! The vid looks fab too and there's yet another funky dance routine to go with it! Born to make us happy? You said it, gal!



SCOOCH
More Than I Needed To Know

We've gone Step-tastic now it's time to go Scooch-tastic Pop as it should be, happy, catchy and infectious. It's a bit of a grower, but once you know the words you won't be able to stop yourself. There's a fab dance routine to learn as well! Good enough to be by the mighty Steps – love it, and them!

GABRIELLE Rise

The formerly eye-patched one rejigs old rock tune Gabrielle samples a hoary ol' rock classic – *Knockin' On Heaven's Door* – for the second release from her album. The A-side is a gorgeous little slow number, but the remix by the Artful (*Re-Rewind The Crowd Say Bo etc*) Dodger is even better, with loads of tinkly little bells and phat beats. Fantastic.



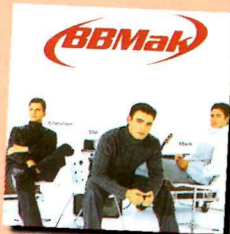
DONELL JONES
featuring LEFT-EYE
U Know What's Up

New R&B romeo fresh from the US

This amazing debut is as good as R Kelly was five years ago (according to huge R fan, Production Ed Colin). It's slick, chilled and one of the best R'n'B singles for yonks! Not only have you got Donell, he's helped along by his label-mate Left-Eye from TLC who raps for him.

BBMAK
Still On Your Side

Bryan Westlife's fave band release their second single Bryan spent the *Smash Hits* Tour singing 'Mak tunes and it's easy to see why. Not only is BBMAK's underrated guitar pop brilliant, they write it too! When I first put this on months ago the gang were n't impressed. They've changed their tune now, and they know all the words!



BUBBLIN'!

GIVE THESE A TRY...

ADAM RICKITT
The Best Thing

Third single from the kit-dropping Mr Rickitt. Sort of dancey and dead catchy, this went down extremely well on the *SH* Tour. We like.

BRAND NEW HEAVIES
Apparently Nothing

One of the key club tracks of the previous decade, in 2000 this doesn't quite cut it against the likes of Madison Avenue and The Artful Dodger. That said, it's still worth a boogie.



DAPHNE & CELESTE
Ooh Stick You

Already reviewed No1 – Remember

that infectiously abusive song which brandished insults like, "Up your butt with a coconut"? Well it's finally coming out! Hurrah!

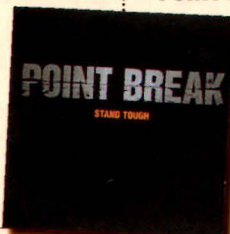
LFO
Girl On TV

Already reviewed No2 – The follow-up to the smash *Summer Girls* and the one with Jennifer Love Hewitt in the video (they love her 'pparently!) is also finally out!

POINT BREAK

Stand Tough

Already reviewed No3 – Delayed for a month, the only way to listen to this is LOUD. It's rock, but it's still pop, innit!



BRIT PACK
Set Me Free

Remember *Boyband The Musical*? Well, we all knew Boyband The Band was coming and here they are. Although not the best song from the show it's still a classic boyband song. If you liked Take That and Five, you'll probably like this too.

MISSY ELLIOTT
Hot Boyz

More rude lyrics and saucery from the queen of hip hop. Kick it!



AURORA

I Hear You Calling

Obligatory dance choon with the same line repeated a zillion times, "I can hear you calling". Yes, I heard you too, and now I can't get it out of my head!



MARIAH CAREY
Thank God I Found You

This is a typical Mariah ballad, minus all that annoying screeching. Maz is joined by the vocal talents of R'nB-sters 98° and Joe, both of whom are massive in America! It's nice enough in a big ballad-my-heart-was-breaking 'til-you-saved-me kinda way.

JUSTIN
Let It Be Me

The wee lad certainly has an impressive voice, shame about the song really. It's totally inoffensive, but not overwhelming, especially for a comeback single. But listen to it whilst watching the video and you might change your mind, it's fab!

EURYTHMICS
17 Again

Old hand Annie talks 'bout 20-odd years in the public eye. Quite cool actually. 'Cept for the bit where she whinges about, "all those stupid magazines," hmmm...

BOBBINS!

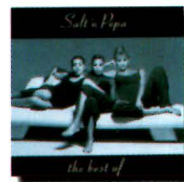
IT'S PANTS...
ON TOAST!



GLORIA ESTEFAN AND 'N SYNC
Music Of My Heart

The kitsch 'N Sync and the original Mrs Latino team up for this rather large chunk of cheddar for the soundtrack to the film *Music Of The Heart*, starring oldies Meryl Streep, Aidan Quinn and Gloria herself. This is mum-pop with a capital M! I should know, mine went all misty-eyed when she heard it!

ALBUMS



SALT 'N PEPA
The Best Of

Can you name the most successful female rap trio of all time? TLC, you say? Nope, sorry, Salt, Pepa and Spinderella were plying their trade years before TLC came on the scene. And all of their 13 hits – including *Push It*, *Twist And Shout*, *Whatta Man* and *Let's Talk About Sex* – are here. Throw in a fantastic danced-up version of *Push It* and most recent choon, *Gitty Up*, and you've got a fine, fine album. Colin Hubbuck

BANG ON!



SOAP SPY

WHAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN YOUR FAVE SOAP?

! PLOT LINES REVEALED



start shooting their film, but their script is a bit too close to comfort for Christine. Elsewhere, Finn tries out his "lurve boat" on Carol, who isn't too impressed!

BROOKSIDE

Darren confesses

Charlotte forces Darren to admit his true feelings for Victoria and Katie gets some devastating news from Nathan. Meanwhile, Ron lands on Mike's doorstep – will he be welcome?

CORONATION STREET

Leanne's struggle

Les finds out Leanne's secret and makes her attend counselling. She loses her temper quickly and is once again tempted by the lure of drugs, will she give in? Elsewhere, Tyrone's first driving lesson is an interesting experience.

FRIENDS

Mrs Ross Gellar?

We last saw them in Las Vegas, but the question is did Ross and Rachel really tie the knot? Find out all the answers in the sixth series which starts on Thursday 13 January at 9pm. (PS: They really did! But will it last?)

ER

New heart-throb

It's new faces and new storylines ahoy in the sixth season of America's number one drama. The ward's new heart-throb Dr Luka Kovac (played by Croatian Goran Visnjic) looks set to cause more than a few heart murmurs when he joins the crew starting on January 13 at 9.30pm.

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

College chaos

The fourth season of *Buffy* has just started on Sky and it's all change for the butt-kicking slayer. Angel's gone, and Buffy has graduated to her local college. One thing never changes though: Sunnydale is still a hellmouth!

Also coming to Sky, fantastic new US shows including...

ANGEL

Off to LA

Following the success of *Buffy* this spin-off sees Angel (David Boreanaz) taking up residence in Los Angeles. Now Buffy's at

college, Angel's out to help those tormented by evil, helped(?) by Cordelia who dreams of being an actress.



ROSWELL HIGH

Teen aliens

Based on the famous alien crash in New Mexico in 1947, this tells the story of three teen aliens who crash to earth and try to fit into normal life. Check out the first episode on January 13 at 8pm. If you haven't got Sky, BBC1 will be showing this later in the year.

SOAP SKY

Fans of US progs should check out Sky One where all your faves are back for January...

Life's a Beach...

... 'cause Leo's back!

Exclusive gossip on the elusive lad
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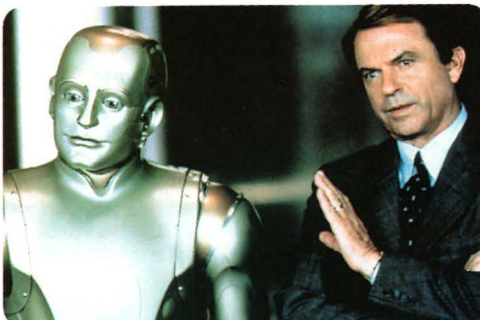
OUT NOW!



STRANGE PLANET (15)

27-year-old director Emma-Kate Croghan's second film follows six Aussie 20-somethings (three girls, three boys) over 12 months as they all stumble from relationship to relationship. Very talky, without being half as deep as it thinks it is, *Strange Planet* is glossy soap opera, like a grown-up, sexy *Neighbours*. The soundtrack is cool though.

BUBBLIN'!



BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)

Robin Williams plays Andrew the android, a robot bought by the Martin family to help around the house. However, over the course of two centuries(!) Andrew develops human emotions. In other words, *Metal Mrs Doubtfire*. Like all Robin Williams movies, this comedy has gags-a-plenty, but so much sickly stuff it all gets hard to swallow after a while.

BUBBLIN'!

ALSO OUT

Angela's Ashes (15) Epic Irish drama which goes on a bit too long, but has plenty of weepy moments and funny lines.

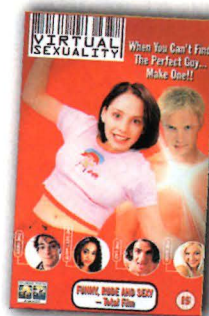
The Bone Collector (15) So-so serial killer thriller with an excellent performance from Denzel Washington.

JAWBREAKER (15)

This spiky teen comedy may have a sugar coating, but watch for the bitter taste! *Urban Legend*'s Rebecca Gayheart and Rose McGowan (that's Marilyn Manson's laydee, fact fans!) are brilliantly vampy as two beautiful high school girls with murder on their minds. It may have missed the flicks, but *Jawbreaker* is v. funny – just don't try this at home.



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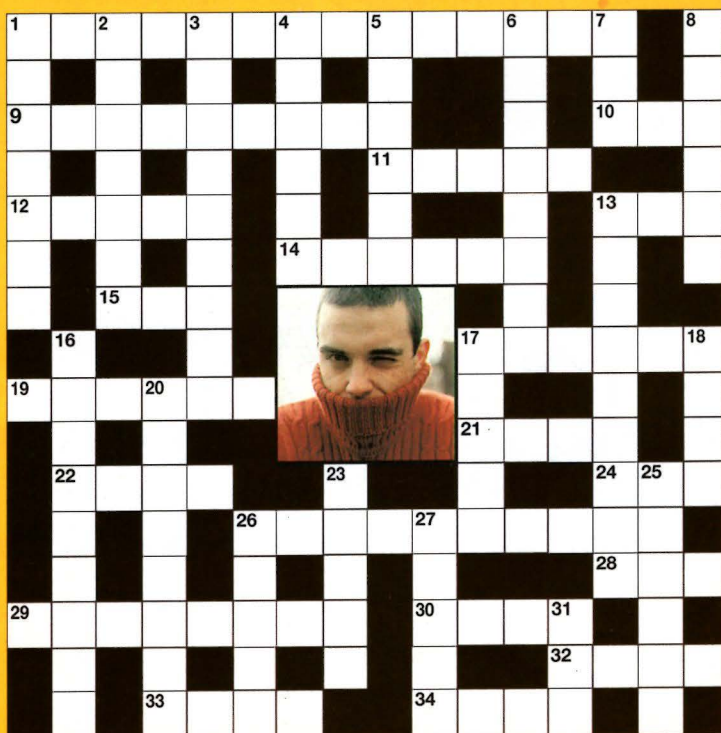


VIRTUAL SEXUALITY (15)

Like a lot of 17-year-olds Justine (Laura Fraser) is searching for a dream fella, however her search takes a strange turn when an experimental machine transforms Justine into... her dream fella! This British flick is a bit rude and a bit silly (like a Disney comedy with hormones!), but there are just about enough laffs to keep you watching.

BUBBLIN'!

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 See photoclude (6,8)
- 9 & 6 down She placed a *Genie In A Bottle* (9,8)
- 10 — *I Feel Like A Woman* (Shania Twain) (3)
- 11 We've — *Goin' On* (BSB) (3,2)
- 12 — — bird... no it's Superman (2,2,1)
- 13 Girl who had a ball with *Sunshine On A Rainy Day* in 1991 (3)
- 14 She's — (hit for 1 across) (3,3)
- 15 — *The Feelin'* (Five) (3)
- 17 Movie star Bullock (6)
- 19 *Almost Doesn't Count* she said (6)
- 21 Connery or Bean maybe (4)
- 22 DJ and hitmaker (4)
- 24 — Dad (3)
- 26 She started out in *The Fugees* (6,4)
- 28 *Golden* — (James Bond movie) (3)
- 29 Mariah Carey's record label (8)
- 30 — — *La La* - '98 hit for Alexia (2,2)
- 32 Famous bear (4)
- 33 — *Trek* (TV and film series) (4)
- 34 *He Got* — (Spike Lee movie) (4)

DOWN




- 1 Hunky Adam (7)
- 2 It was a hot one for *Baby Bumps* (7)
- 3 — — *With A Kiss* (Hot Chocolate) (2,7)
- 4 Ian, soccer star and TV host (6)
- 5 — — *Of Gentlemen* (TV comedy) (6)
- 6 See 9 across
- 7 *EastEnders* played by Danniella Westbrook (3)
- 8 — —, old Cranberries hit (6)
- 13 *Emmerdale* rogue (3,6)
- 16 You're solving one now (9)
- 17 She's Bill and Libby's mum in *Neighbours* (5)
- 18 *Home And* — (4)
- 20 Go without washing for TLC hit (2,6)
- 23 Disney movie about a Chinese girl warrior (5)
- 25 Spiro, *Emmerdale*'s Sarah Sugden (8)
- 26 Star sign for those born between 24 September and 23 October (5)
- 27 — — stown, *SH Best New Tour* Act runners-up (5)
- 31 Animal that raised Tarzan (3)

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Emma Bunton 8 Iceberg 10 Macy Gray 11 Ibiza 12 Real 13 Scott 15 Mambo 16 & 14 down All Saints 18 Ohio 19 Alma 20 Kim 21 Denise 23 Ann Lee 26 Jacinta Stapleton 28 Anne 29 Leanne 30 Senors
DOWN: 1 *Emmerdale* 2 Michael Owen 3 *Bug's* 4 Taylor 5 *Night* 6 Geri Halliwell 7 *Men In Black* 9 Gear 17 *Slam Dunk* 21 DJ Jean 22 *If I Yes* 23 Answer 24 Niall 25 Stone 25 Turn

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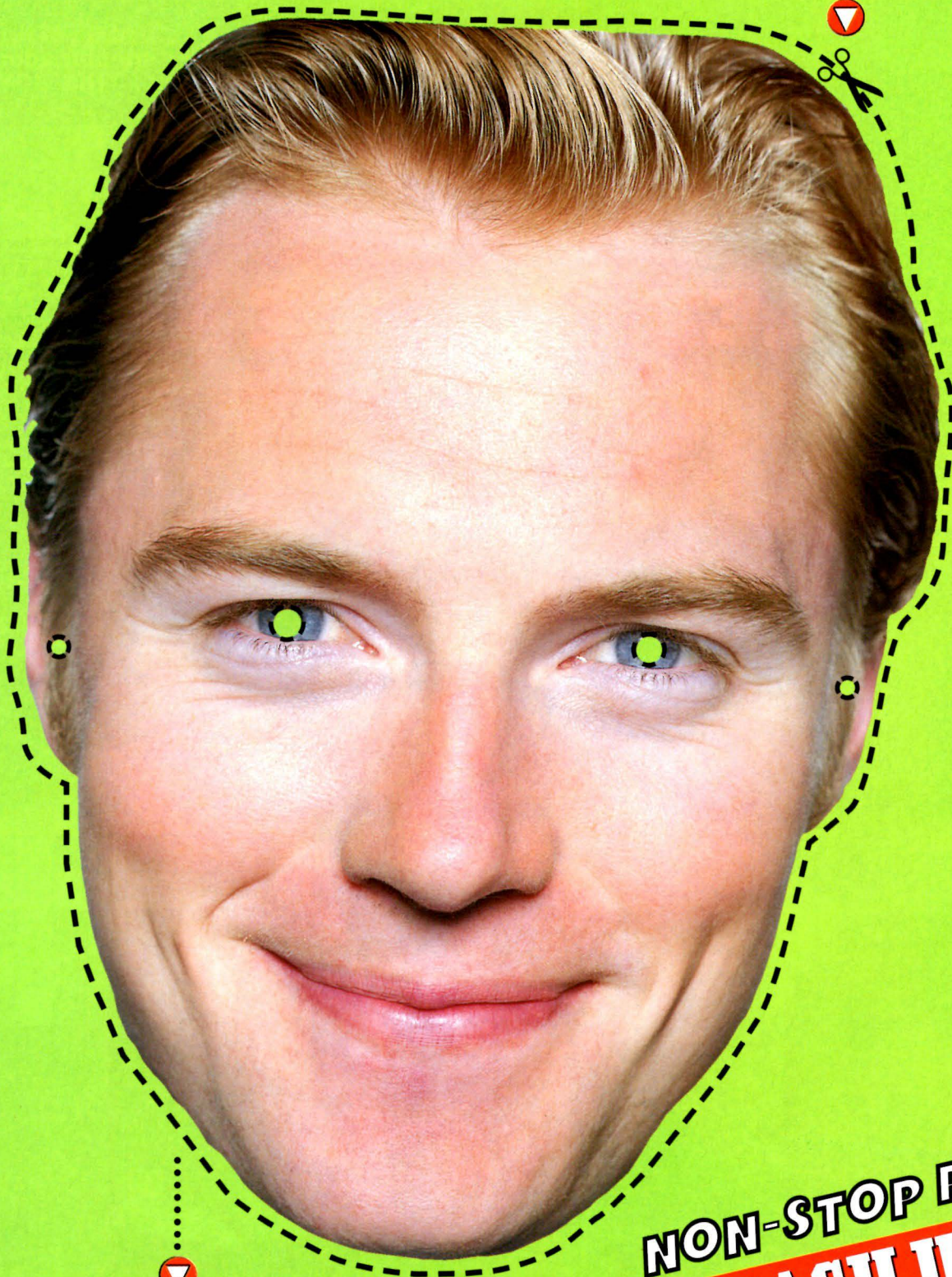
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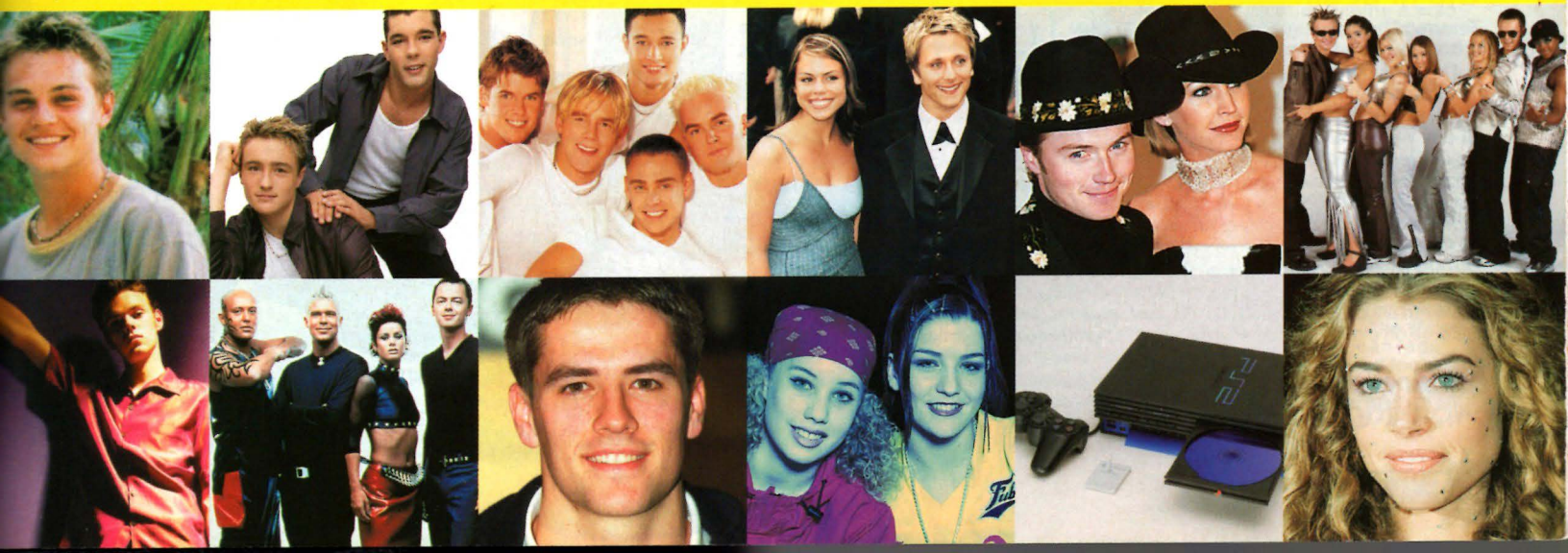
21 things for the 21st century

HERE AT **SMASH HITS WE HATE TO SIT ON THE FENCE!**

So we're dusting down the old crystal ball, sticking our necks out and making the *only* pop predictions you need to read.

The following pages contain secret info on 21 events that **WILL** happen in the 21st century! In fact, they **WILL** happen very soon.

You heard it here first.



21 things for the 21st Century

1 MERO WILL BE MASSIVE

Tommy and Derek were voted the Best New Tour Act Of 1999, but will the Mero boys be the biggest new band of 2000?

WORDS TAMMY HOYLE
PHOTO TOM HOWARD

It's been a month since you won the Best New Tour Act, have you stopped partying yet?

Tommy: No way! It was amazing when we heard. We were jumping up and down and kissing everybody.

Derek: I got straight on the phone. My mum, dad and wee sister all cried when they heard. It was the best Christmas present ever, even better than a puppy and I really wanted a puppy!

Tommy: I loved the *Smash Hits* Tour so much. I can't stop telling my friends about it. I can still hear the crowd now, I'm just buzzing.

"If we were on the cover of *Smash Hits* I'd buy 50 copies!" - Derek

that mean you won't be getting a holiday?

Tommy: This job is a holiday! It would be nice to have a week with my mum and dad, but this year I'm not really concerned with that, I just want to build my career.

Do you think you can make the cover of *Smash Hits* in 2000?

Derek: That would be the ultimate.

Smash Hits is my pop bible. No matter where we are we always have to get *Smash Hits*, even if we're in America. Us Mero boys love a bit of gossip so we buy *Smash Hits* to find out what's going on. If we were on the cover I'd buy 50 copies and make every single member of my family buy a copy as well! I'd frame them and put them up everywhere. Will you let us, please? We'll be dead good, we promise!

Westlife won the award last year. They're quite a hard act to follow...

Derek: Yes, but with a bit of luck we can be as big as them. We've got the same people behind us at the record company and Westlife are good mates of ours.

Tommy: Westlife phone us quite a lot and we wish each other luck. I think Westlife and Mero are going to be the two bands that will still be around five years from now, a bit like the Spice Girls and Boyzone, but I'm not going to count my chickens before they hatch!

So when can we get the first single?

Tommy: The first single's out in March and the album's out in the summer. The one thing we haven't got at the moment is a title for the album. We've got one song called *Up Where We Belong*, which would be a nice title, but Boyzone's album was called *Where We Belong* so it might be too similar!

Derek: It would be a dream come true if the first single, *It Must Be Love*, went top ten. With a top ten and a *Smash Hits* award, we'd be on cloud nine for about a year!

"This job is a holiday!" - Tommy

We'll see. But first we need to know, are you ready for global pop domination?

Derek: We've been together for the last two years and we're as close as brothers. In Glasgow we get recognised all the time. I'm a complete attention seeker so I love it!

Finally, any other hopes for the year?

Tommy: I want St Mirren (footy team currently top of Scottish Division 1) to win the league and I'd like my baby cousin to say my name!

Derek: We'll have our first number one, we'll make our own movie and I'll get a puppy! I'm also going to learn to drive because I'm fed up with people taking the Mickey after I failed my first test.

FULL NAME

Thomas Clark McWhinnie

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

21 July 1979, Paisley. I was the first premature baby at that hospital and I was born with two teeth!

EYES

Hazel brown

HEIGHT

5ft 8in

LIVES

With my parents in Paisley.

FAMILY

I'm an only child. Derek's like the brother I never had.

'SPECIAL' FRIEND

I'm single. I'm not really bothered about it, I'm waiting for the right girl to come along. I've spent two years looking for a girlfriend and nothing happened, but sometimes you don't look and they're there. So for the next year I'm not going to look and if I don't find someone I'm going to start looking again!



FULL NAME

Derek MacDonald

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

20 June 1981 in Glasgow.

EYES

Brown

HEIGHT

5ft 11in

LIVES

In Glasgow, with my mum, dad and my wee sister.

FAMILY

At home, it's just me, my mum, my dad and my little sister, but I've got a huge family. My mum's got nine brothers and sisters and my dad's got 13 and we're always in and out of each others' houses.

"SPECIAL" FRIEND

No, not at the moment, but I'm always on the lookout.

PETS

None. I really want a labrador puppy. I bought my sister a puppy for her birthday, but she was allergic to it so we had to give it to my aunty. Everyone says I won't be able to look after a dog, but I'm going to prove them wrong and take it on tour with me!

2 JESSICA SIMPSON WILL TAKE A BITE OUT OF BRIT

▶ 1999 brought us Britney and Christina, but it looks like they could be getting a run for their money in 2000. Currently taking the US by storm with her debut single, *I Wanna Love You Forever*, 19-year-old Jessica Simpson has dreamy looks and a seven-octave range (that's a BIG voice!).

Hand-picked by Sony label boss and Mariah Carey's ex-hubbie, Tommy Mottola, rumour has it that Tommy signed the angelic Jessica to replace his ex-wife after Mariah went through a post-divorce oops-my-clothes-have-

fallen-off makeover! If so, it worked 'cos Scary Carey is 'parrently mightily miffed at label-mate Jessica's success.

Jess meanwhile, is no stranger to performing: she's been an established Christian artist for years and she recently supported Mr Latino, Ricky Martin, on his US tour.

The Texan songstress reckons that her religious beliefs are central to her music and the album track *Heart Of Innocence* even explains her pledge not to have sex until she's married. And we thought Britney was the best-behaved girl in America!

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

NEW BANDS

▶ **SPIN CITY**, a new foursome made up of lads from Sheffield, Stoke, London and Dublin. They went down well supporting Steps on their tour last year.

▶ **KELIS**, a 19-year-old R'n'B songstress signed to Virgin Records, home of Billie and the Spice Girls. According to her spokey, Kelis is a funkier, more modern Mary J Blige - with bright orange hair to boot!

▶ Irish dancey-pop combo **DOVE** have already released one single and became our new best friends on the *Smash Hits* Tour. 2000 could be their year...

▶ Look out for new pop chick, **BELLE PERES** who releases her single, *Hello World*, ("sugary pop" according to those in the know) early next year.

NEW BANDS

▶ **SECRET WEAPON**, a trio put together by the mighty R Kelly, sing R'n'B to die for and they're even saucier than Another Level, 'pparently.

▶ **DON PHILIPS** (23) duetted with Britney on her first album and now he's launching a solo career of his own with Jive Records, home of the Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and Britters herself.

▶ Another of the new acts on the *Smash Hits* Tour - **YOUNGSTOWN** - warbled the theme tune to the recent *Inspector Gadget* movie. The three American lads are good looking, they've got great voices and, man, can they dance!

21 things for the 21st Century



3 S CLUB WILL HIT HOLLYWOOD

S Club are leaving Miami behind for a brand new series of adventures. Jon and Paul give us the lowdown on LA 7...

So you're in LA then...

Paul: We've just arrived, we'll be here for about 11 weeks for the filming of S Club 7 in LA! It'll be bigger and better than the last series (and a SH reader will be in it!)

Details?

Paul: It's more about the adventures we get up to individually and the plotlines will be thicker. There'll be more separate storylines and adventures, rather than all of us being mad together.
Jon: We haven't seen all the scripts yet, so we don't know exactly what's gonna be happening!

Are there loads of new tracks?

Paul: Yeah, there's going to be a second album which will include stuff featured in the second series.

Why LA?

Jon: I've got to be honest, I don't particularly like LA. It's got a weird vibe, but it's good for some things.

Paul: The shopping's good, and the flexibility. Everything is so easy. Going out is really easy and it's sooo cheap compared to London, it's like half price.

"Jon's got his teddy bears to help him feel at home" – Paul

Is it better than Miami?

Paul: Much better. Miami is a hole. An absolute hole, (thinking) LA's a hole too though!

Jon: I like Miami better than LA, but I prefer San Francisco to both of them.

What's wrong with LA?

Jon: It's a real nothing place. It's so fake. It's obviously not meant to be there 'cos it's a desert. There's no atmosphere.

Paul: (Laughing) Jon's got his teddy bears to make him feel at home!

Is there anything out there that you like better than London?

Paul: Just the cheap shopping!

Jon: (Disagreeing) I don't like their fashion. I think London is ahead when it comes to fashion. I don't like America to be honest, it's not home.

Why don't you film in London then?

Jon: Well, when we left Miami in the last series we went to LA. I'm looking forward to the new series and I am looking forward to going out there.

We've got our own apartment so we should be okay.

Paul: There may be a London 7 someday though, you never know!

What about a Norwich 7?

Paul: I doubt that!

Jon: How about Bognor 7? You never know, that could happen!

WORDS JOHN HINDMARCH
PHOTO DAVID TITLOW

ALSO KEEP AN INTERNATIONAL LOOK OUT FOR...

A1

A1 will be rocking the Japanese charts when they release their first single there – *Ready Or Not* – before flying to Germany for some magazine and TV work!

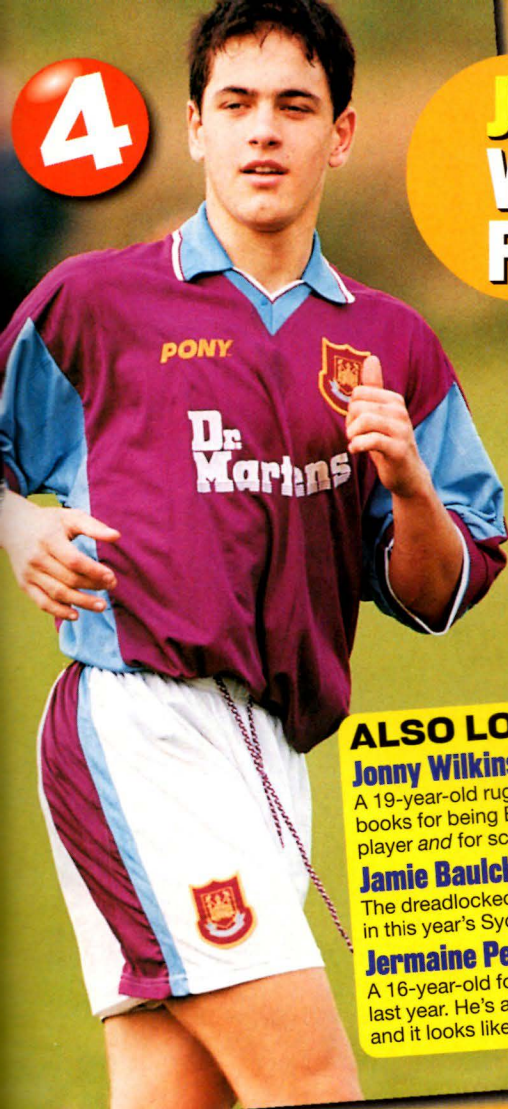
Westlife

The 'Life are off to Latin America for a huge part of January and February, but they'll also be popping up in Sweden and Germany too!

Steps

The fab five will be off to the States again. They'll be wowing the crowds all over the US in their attempt to take over the world.

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JOE COLE WILL PLAY FOR ENGLAND

▶ This year's lad in the golden boots will be Joe Cole, West Ham's 18-year-old boy wonder. He already plays for the England junior team and he's just been invited to train with England's senior squad. Not only that, some peeps reckon he could give Michael Owen some competition in the footy hunk stakes! And if Joe gets his way, there could even be another footy-pop romance on the cards: "I like Rachel from S Club 7 and so do all my mates," Joe told us, "I can't wait to meet her!"

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Jonny Wilkinson

A 19-year-old rugby ace who's already hit the record books for being England's youngest international player and for scoring the most points in a game.

Jamie Baulch

The dreadlocked 400m runner will be going for gold in this year's Sydney Olympics.

Jermaine Pennant

A 16-year-old footballer, who was signed by Arsenal last year. He's already played for the England junior team and it looks like 2000 will see him hitting the big time.

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MICHAEL OWEN WILL PLAY HIMSELF

▶ Talking of Mr Owen, Michael makes his TV debut in BBC children's football drama, *Hero To Zero* due to air very soon. But don't panic, Mike's not neglecting his footy for acting – he's appearing as himself! "I used to love watching programmes like this when I was a kid," he smiles, "so it will be great to be part of one."

POP STARS WILL POP THE QUESTION

▶ Last year, Posh and Becks and Mel B and Jimmy got hitched in style, but who will it be this year? The papers have printed rumours about Lee and Lindsay tying the knot, but who'll be the first to actually pop the question? Aside from L&L (the stories were "bobbins" (parrently), Abs and Danielle's long-term, on-off relationship could settle down in blissful matrimony.

And of course, Billie and Rich have been through some pretty rough times, but have stayed together for over a year now. We know one pop star who thinks Rich will be the first to pop the question (check page 59 to find out who!), but if you ask us, our money is on young Marvin getting to the Charlotte Church in time!

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JACK WILL GET A BABY BROTHER OR SISTER

▶ Both the Keatings and Mr and Mrs Beckham have already said they want more children, so 2000 could well be another nappy-filled year for them. And will Lee and Lindsay or Rich and Billie be joining them as pop parents? We asked Ladbrokes Bookmakers to give us the odds on who'd be the next pop pop... and mom, but they remained tight-lipped. "We can't comment," said their spokesy. "We'd have to do a lot of research to find out how stable those relationships are!"



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8 LEO WILL GO TO THE BEACH

▶ You've all seen the shots of Leo swanning about on the sand in Thailand, and after what seems like yonks, his film *The Beach* is finally due for release in February. Not only that, we've seen it and it's ace! Leo is Richard, a young American backpacker travelling around Thailand with two French mates who get fed up of the tourist-y areas and go off in search of a tropical paradise – a paradise which turns out to hold a few deadly secrets!

PHOTOS REX



ALSO OUT THIS YEAR...

Toy Story 2

Also out in February and also brilliant is the second set of adventures from Woody, Buzz and Co. When Woody's kidnapped it's up to his band of toys to save him!

The Talented Mr Ripley

Matt Damon's back too. He'll be teamed up with Gwyneth Paltrow for this devious drama from the director of *The English Patient*.

9 BRITNEY WILL GO UP THE CREEK



▶ Pacey, Dawson and Co are back on your screens, sadly it's a repeat of the first series (Mondays and Thursdays on Channel 4) however, we are promised that Season Three will follow in the spring. Look out for Dawson's encounter with a stripper called Eve, Pacey and Jen trying a 'no strings' relationship and Joey moping after her childhood love! And later in the same series Britney Spears joins the Capeside

gang! Broccoli filmed her guest appearance in New York before Christmas and described the experience as "good, but weird 'cos I watch it all the time." No word yet if Brittney's character will be involved in any romance, but Britney did tell us she was definitely a Pacey kinda gal, "I just like his character," she cooed. Broccoli is also set to be a guest voice in *The Simpsons* later in the year.

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Roswell

Due in Autumn, but already a cult hit in the States, *Roswell* is described as a mix between "The X-Files and Dawson's Creek." Cool.

Steps To The Stars

H and Claire provide the expert tips on this new talent show for kids, due on February 11.

Futurama

Already a hit on Sky, this hilarious sci-fi cartoon from the makers of *The Simpsons* is heading over to Channel 4 later this year.

OK lads, are we going to see you this year?

Zac: Yes! We haven't got a release date for the album yet, but it will be out this year and when it is, we hope to come over to the UK for some shows.

What's taking so long?

Taylor: We didn't plan on taking this long! We had a choice between going straight into the studio and touring, so we decided to tour for a bit and then start recording.

Isaac: We're looking forward to releasing stuff because it's sounding really good. It's definitely pop music, but it's a little more rock 'n' roll than before.

Are you worried your fans may have moved on?

Isaac: Obviously that's a risk you take, but you just make the best music you can and hope people like it.

Right, on to the important stuff, have you got girlfriends?

Taylor: I think a lot of girls are hot, but I don't actually have a girlfriend.

Isaac: We do date from time to time, but we don't have girlfriends.

Zac: I don't have one particular person. I fancy the female species, basically!

Have you still got long hair?

Isaac: No, mine's short now and Taylor's is chin length! Eventually long hair gets annoying and you have to chop it off.

"We didn't plan on taking this long!" – Taylor

And finally, is Zac still hyperactive?

Zac: Not now because it's first thing in the morning. You'll have to wait and see!

Not more waiting, please!

TAYLOR

ZAC

ISAAC

10 HANSON WILL RETURN. NO, REALLY

The Tulsa trio got on the blower to let us know where the flip they've been

11 ALL SAINTS WILL BE BACK. HONEST

The Saintly foursome spent most of '99 out of the charts, but they've certainly not been bored. Nic, Nat and Mel have been robbing banks for their first film, *Honest*. Rumour has it that the saucy script has the girls baring all and using language Cartman would be ashamed of! Meanwhile, Shaz has penned a song for *The Beach* soundtrack as well as a hefty slice of the new All Saints album. The girls are still putting the finishing touches to it at the mo' but you can expect a new single, *Pure Shores*, in February.

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ALSO OUT THIS YEAR...

OTHER RETURNING STARS INCLUDE...

Cleopatra

The girls' new series is on your screens now, and there's an album to follow as well!

Peter Andre

Pete releases new stuff in March.

Kavana

Kav's still in the studio, but should hopefully be back towards the end of the year...

MEL

SHAZNAY

RENE

SOREN

LENE

CLAUS

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AQUA WILL RETURN. BONKERS

The crazy Danish foursome were nowhere to be found last year, but now they're back with a firin' single, *Cartoon Heroes*, which is out in February. And the SH team haven't stopped blathering on about the ace vid since we first saw

it way back in December! You'd expect Lene and her mates to have spent last year glamming it up at swank parties, but actually the popsters were holed up in a studio in Somerset. "We were working 15 hours a day," admitted Soren, "and

it did get quite stressful every now and then. But the result is fantastic. Getting the album just right is crucial because we want each song to have its own twist." Keep your eyes open for the finished verish, *Aquarius*, this spring.



13 FIVE WILL ROCK YOU

After two years, Five are finally kicking it live, but as Abs told us they need *Smash Hits* readers to give them ideas...

WORDS COLIN KENNEDY
PHOTO TOM HOWARD

So you're on tour in March?

We don't know exactly what we're doing. We're rehearsing every day for two months. It'll be work, work, work.

Is that why you put the single back 'til March?

Yeah, just to concentrate. It's one thing after another, it all piles up and you have to get your priorities right.

You've got two albums, how are you going to

choose what to perform?

We'll do all the singles and a few that no-one's seen before. There are going to be loads of costume changes and effects. *Smash Hits* readers should write in and say what they want to see.

Have you stolen any ideas from concerts you've seen?

I haven't been to any concerts. I'm not joking, I've never been

to a concert in my life, so I'm not setting my standards by other shows, I'm just imagining what I want it to be. My expectations are high and everyone else's are the same as well. We want loads of expensive stuff, robots and lights and explosions!

"I've never been to a concert in my life!"

Why's the tour been such a long time coming?

We could have done one last year, but we weren't ready. It probably would have sold, but it

wouldn't have been as big a show. You want the first tour you do to be amazing.

Will you do any solo songs?

Yeah, we might do some individual songs and there's talk of us doing one each, or two of us doing a duet. Send in your ideas to *Smash Hits* and we'll see what we can come up with (*Usual address - Ed!*)

Finally, have you got any ideas for support bands yet?

No idea yet. Michael Jackson would be all right!

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Steps

The mighty Steps have lined up yet more arena dates around Easter. Better get tickets fast, 'cos the previous tour sold out straight away!

Oasis

Planet Indie's biggest live draw will be playing their first UK stadium dates since their record breaking '97 gig at Knebworth Castle. The three dates are at Bolton, Edinburgh and London.

Hanson

No confirmed dates yet, but the boys did promise that a European tour would follow the release of their long-awaited second album. Fingers crossed.



14 FACES WILL BE SPOTTY

Did anyone spot Denise Richards at the premiere of *The World Is Not Enough*? If you did, you'll know that face jewels are the latest craze to hit the high street. And if you really want to be trendy in 2000, try adding hair gems. These nifty little numbers clip or stick on to your locks to bring twinkle to your tresses. Ace!

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

The cowboy look

Pioneered by Roy Vengaboy, which will take the world by storm in 2000.

Puffy ball dresses

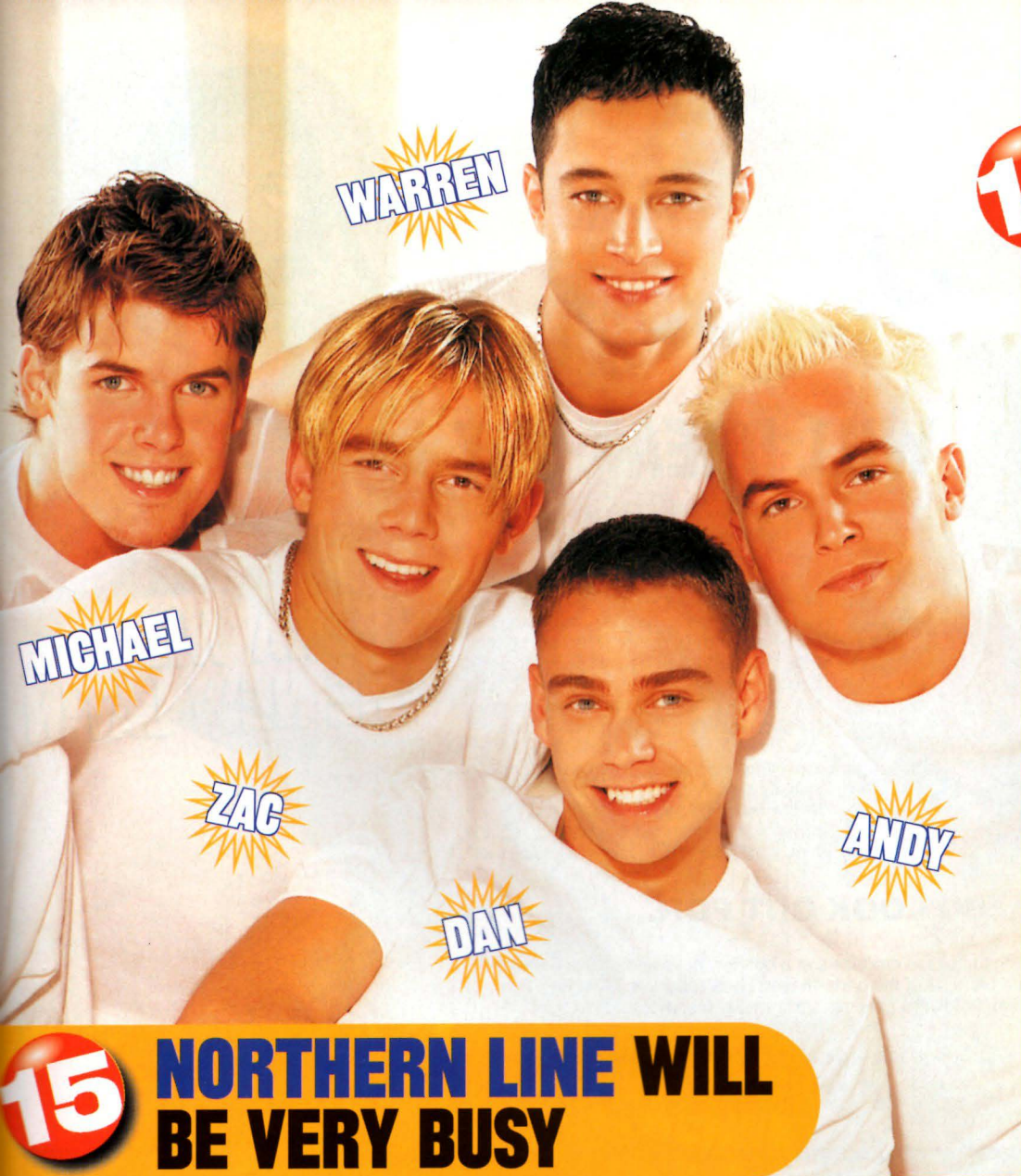
Gwyneth

Paltrow started it at last year's Oscars and this year you'll look under-dressed unless you're sporting some satin down at the disco.

Belts

Anyone who's anyone will be

wearing belts with trousers, skirts and dresses this year. Choose from sparkly, beaded or feathery varieties, but make sure that you wear them loose.



15 NORTHERN LINE WILL BE VERY BUSY

Northern Line may have stalled slightly in '99, but as Warren explains, the boys are preparing for 12 months of rush hour...

WORDS SERENA LACEY

Hi Warren. First things first, did you expect your debut single to do better?

No, we hoped *Run For Your Life* would go top ten, but we weren't disappointed at all with it.

So things will go better in 2000?

Definitely, you should continue to believe in the Northern Line this year. I can't say for sure about the Underground, but hopefully things will run smoothly for us!

You're going to be busy then?

We are, we've got *Love On The Northern Line* out in February, followed by a release in April, which

will coincide with the album. Then there are singles in August, October and December and another album in December too! (Laughing) Two albums and five singles in a year, it's going to be a lot of work!

Anything else?

We want to go to Wembley Arena, which is hopefully in the plans sometime next year. Perhaps at the beginning of the year we'll do a theatre tour, but we want to end up in Wembley, we'd like a number one, too!

"We want a number one and we want to play Wembley"

Okay. But what else do you think will happen in 2000?

I reckon Rich and Billie will get married, unless she comes to her senses and sees me of course, hahaha! Only joking Rich, mate!

Are there any Northern Line pop star girlfriends?

(Laughing) I like Hannah from S Club 7, but I haven't met her. She's like a little Emma Bunton. And Billie's gorgeous of course, but I wouldn't step on Five's toes, that'd be dangerous! Two of pop's bad-boy bands getting into a ruck!

Who do you reckon would win?

(Laughing) Well, J, Sean and Abs could be quite fierce, and so could Andy and Zak, but Michael and Rich wouldn't do anything – they wouldn't put up much of a fight! So I think it'd be tough but equal.

Ouch! On second thoughts, that's one scrap 2000 could do without!

16 POP WILL GET IN THE FAMILY WAY

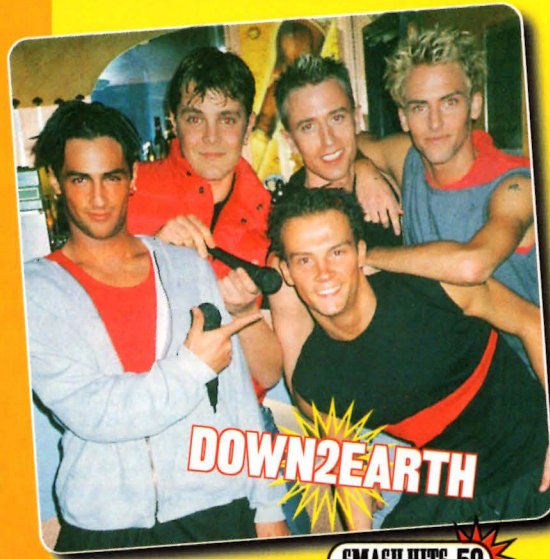


Thought the Lynch mob would be satisfied with Boyzone and B★Witched? Think again! This year look out for yet another Lynch – Naomi – the youngest member of the family. Naomi's part of the new two-piece girl band **Buffalo G** who supported B★Witched late last year!

But Naomi's not the only pop sibling attempting to break the charts this year. Mark A1's older brother Gary (23) is in a new five-piece boyband **Down2Earth** with his mates Clinton (24), De (21), Craig (22) and Jay.J (24), the guys describe themselves as "The Backstreet Boys with an R'n'B twist!"

Also on the horizon, keep your eyes open for Spice War part two! Mel G's cousin Dee (Dale) is in a four-piece band **Blayze** with Terry, Katy and Kara Elise. They've been working with Shola Ama's producers on single and album tracks! The band are expected to run head to head with Geri's niece, Mandy and her, as yet unnamed, band! They too have the two boy, two girl formation!

And last but not least, Lisa Steps' little brothers are having a crack at pop stardom with their band **SSL**. SL stands for their surname Scott-Lee and there are three of them – Anthony (17), Andy (19) and Steve (20). They hope to be releasing towards the middle of next year. Keep 'em peeled!



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JOE ABSOLOM WILL BREAK OUT

▶ We were all shocked last year by the revelation that Joe Absolom would be quitting *EastEnders*. Yes, soap fans, Matthew Rose will be leaving the Square in February! Matt's kept us glued for the last few months as he tried desperately to prove his innocence in the Saskia murder trial. We cried when he was convicted and booed when Steve Owen was freed. But how will Matt leave the show, locked up for good, or with an open door in case Joe wants to return? At press time, all storylines were top secret, but an *'Enders* spokey said, "Joe's leaving in February and we shall be sad to see him go. We have no new characters waiting to replace him, we'll just have to see what happens!"

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Coronation Street

Street spokeys promise some hot new guys and gals in February and March, but the parts "haven't been cast yet." And Paul Fox (Mike Baldwin's son) has a few meaty storylines coming up!

Hollyoaks

Expect a very large and exciting story for Luke Morgan (Gary Lucy)!

Brookside

There are juicy new plots for Tinhead (Philip Olivier) in the pipeline.

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OPERA WILL BE THE NEW LATIN

▶ Last year, everyone got their salsa shoes on to shimmy along to Ricky Martin, Enrique Iglesias and the like. Some peeps in the know reckon the return of Oasis will make indie the hippest ear-fodder this year, but round these parts, we think opera could be the new Latin! Unfortunately opera-singing teen Charlotte Church isn't so sure: "I love Latin music, but opera's a bit different," she explains. "A lot of young people think opera's just grandparents' music and actually I think that too! I like to sing it, but I prefer to listen to pop. As for opera fashion, ballgowns are so boring! And I don't want to duet with opera singers, I'd rather sing with Will Smith. He could rap while I sing opera, now that could be the new craze!"

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HALEY JOEL OSMENT WILL BE NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR

▶ He started out as the voice of a broken teacup (Chip in *Beauty And The Beast: The Enchanted Christmas*), broke hearts as the son of Forrest Gump and wound up breaking box office records in *The Sixth Sense*. Not only is Haley Joel Osmont completely adorable, he's mighty talented too! The only way is up for this tiny star, and we reckon his *Sixth Sense* role as Cole Star – the boy who sees ghosts – will nab him an Oscar nomination! "I'm very honoured that people should even think I deserve that," he said seriously when we asked him about his chances, "The Oscars is very big, we always watch it at home and cheer for our friends!" Ah, bless!

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Wes Bentley

Likely to providing Haley with competition for the Best Supporting Actor Oscar is this dark and moody young actor, who is electric in the brilliant *American Beauty*, out later this month.

Tobey Maguire

Tobey has been around for a while now, but the terrific 24-year-old could get a nod for Best Actor for eye-catching turns in *Ride With The Devil* and the upcoming drama *The Cider House Rules*.

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PLAYSTATION 2 WILL TAKE OVER THE WORLD

▶ In about 12 months, this little box may be taking care of *all* your entertainment needs. Thanks to its so-clever-it's-crazy brain (sweetly named The Emotion Engine) and highly swish DVD drive, you'll be able to play games that look like movies and interact with movies that work like games! There are even add-ons that let you hook up to the Net and play all your old PlayStation games. Hey, by 2002 it'll probably do your homework for you too! PlayStation 2 should be in shops by autumn.

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Nintendo's top secret hi-tech console, codenamed 'Dolphin,' out towards the end of this year.



21 ATOMIC KITTEN WILL BE THE NEW SPICE GIRLS

Liz explains why 2000 will be the year of the Kitten

WORDS **TAMMY HOYLE**
PHOTO **TOM HOWARD**

Why will the world love Atomic Kitten?

Because we're three young girls going for it. We left school and thought, "Why not?". We're telling girls that being in a band doesn't have to be a dream, anyone can do it.

What do you think this year will hold for you?

Hopefully, we'll be touring more, because touring is so much fun, and the new album will be out in March or April. It's like a compilation album, because it's all different styles, none of the songs blend into each other.

Are you the new Spice Girls?

There will never be a new Spice Girls. They're just a one-off, amazing thing. But hopefully we'll have our moment soon. We're not one personality, we're all Atomic Kittens, which means one day we're loud, one day we're quiet. If you took a member of every band on Planet Pop, put them together and split them into three, that would be us, we're a bit of everything! We don't make one type of music, although we do have our identity stamped all over every song. You know when you're listening to Atomic Kitten!

Do you have Spice style nicknames?

Well, *Smash Hits* called us Fluffy

Kitten, Sex Kitten and Ginger Kitten, but actually we'd like different names. Kerry's Mental Kitten and I'm Glitter Kitten, because I always wear glitter, but some people call me Andrex Kitten because I'm soft, strong and very long! Natasha should be Party Kitten 'cos she always wants to party.

Do you believe in Girl Power?

Yes, we're definitely a Girl Power band. When we're

together we're quite in-your-face-Girl-Power, but when we're on our own we can be quiet, honest! We give each other confidence so we're loud when we're together.

"People call me Andrex Kitten because I'm soft, strong and very long"

Finally, how should the world begin to prepare for Atomic Kitten?

Lock your doors, pad your windows, wear earmuffs and keep your eyes wide open!

ALSO LOOK OUT FOR...

Daphne & Celeste

Two teen terrors from New York, who talk more than anyone in the world. Ever.

Super Sista

Three sassy laydeez from Sheffield. Two of the girls have been bezzie mates since they were 12.

Madasun

Three 20-somethings who describe themselves as "TLC meets Robbie Williams" and whose name means "mad as the sun" 'pparently.

Kick Angel

Another trio who met at theatre school. Their debut single, *I Don't Care*, is out in March.

Made In London & Girl Thing

Westlife's record company RCA will be launching two girl bands this year. There are no details as yet and it's more than likely that their names will change, but remember, you heard it here first!



BANDWATCH

All the facts on your favourite acts!



FIVE LIVE!



Yipee! The Five lads are finally hitting the road. They'll be stopping off at eight towns for 11 fantastic gigs. They've started rehearsals already and Abs for one reckons it's gonna be a wicked show (see page 58). You can catch them on...

March 10 - Glasgow SECC 0141 287 7777
March 14 - Cardiff Arena 0292 022 4488
March 15 - Cardiff Arena
March 17 - Dublin Point 00353 183 636 33
March 18 - Dublin Point
March 19 - Dublin Point

March 21 - Birmingham NEC 0121 780 4133
March 22 - Birmingham NEC
March 24 - Wembley Arena 0181 902 0902
March 25 - Wembley Arena
March 26 - Wembley Arena
March 28 - Sheffield Arena 0114 256 2002
March 29 - Newcastle Arena 0191 260 5000
March 31 - Manchester Evening News Arena 0161 950 5000

Fan club: Five, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5RA
Website: www.five.co.uk



Geri Halliwell

● If she's fully recovered from her recent illness Gezza's gonna be preparing for the release of her new

single *Bag It Up* which is out in February.

Fan club: Geri Halliwell Fanclub, PO Box 20135, London W10 5FL
Website: www.dotmusic.com/artists/GeriHalliwell



Mero

● Tommy and Derek will be preparing for the release of their first ever single *It Must Be Love* which is released on

March 13. They'll be visiting all your favourite shows including *Blue Peter*, *Diggit* and *Live & Kicking*. Just remember where you saw them first - *Smash Hits* Best New Tour Act 1999!

Fan club: Mero Fanclub, PO Box 3737, Glasgow, G5 9YF
Website: www.mero.net
Hotline: 0906 140 40 40



911

● The pint-sized popsters will be in Asia promoting *Greatest Hits* and *A Little Bit More...* album which

has reached No1 there.
Fan club: 911 Fanclub, PO Box 20131, London W105FX
Phoneline: 0900 2 911 911
Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/911



Westlife

● The Irish balladeers aren't gonna have time for a break over the next few weeks, they've got tons of

international promotion to do, plus they'll be shooting the video for their next single *Fool Again* which is scheduled for release in March. It's another track off the album and it's Geri Halliwell's favourite!

Information Service: Westlife/Interact, Freeport (SW8031), PO Box 607, London SW6 4YY - you may be sent information about other acts as well as Westlife.
Phoneline: 09018 800 123 - calls cost no more than 50p but ask the bill-payer first.
Website: www.bmg-backstage.co.uk



All Saints

● At long last the Saints are back! The girls will be starting the ball rolling for the release of *Pure Shores*,

their brand new single. It's out in February and there's an ace video (featuring clips from Leo's *The Beach*) to go with it! Welcome back, girls!

Fan club: None at the moment



Billie

● Lucky Miss Piper has blagged herself a free holiday! Billie's skiing this week with *Wish You Were*

Here. The show's due to be aired sometime in

February! Meanwhile, Billie's new single will be out in April, but the title is still top secret!

Fan club: The Official Billie Fanclub, PO Box 170, Swindon SN5 9NX
Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/billie



B*Witched

● The denim flaunting foursome are off on their hols until January 17 when they fly off to Europe for a splurge of TV. They'll be back in the UK on January 27 to prepare for their next single, *Jump Down*, which is due out in March.

Fan club: B*Witched Fanclub, Dublin House, PO Box 20155, London, W105FH
Website: www.b-witched.com



Backstreet Boys

● The best band on Planet Pop (according to you!) are going straight back into rehearsals for the next leg of their American tour. The first half was so successful they've added more dates and are back on the road again! They'll also be buying pressies 'cos it's Nick's 20th birthday on January 28!

Fan club: Fan Club Services, Backstreet Boys, PO Box 20, Manchester M60 3ED
Phoneline: 0900 916 6000
Website: www.backstreetboys.com



Steps

● The mighty Steps are off to America for the first half of January, finishing off bits and bobs. H and Claire will also be nipping into the TV studio to film their new series *Steps To The Stars*, a new BBC1 programme which gives kids a chance to show off their wild and wacky talents!

Fan club: Steps Fan Club, PO Box 2323, London W1A 2NB



Spice Girls

● Spice Mania will be back with a bang this year. The gals are still working on the third Spice album and are no

doubt dreaming up some fantastic costumes and themes for the videos. We can't wait!

Fan club: Spice Girls Fanclub, PO Box 25777, London SW20 8WE
Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/spicegirls
Mel C's Website: www.northern-star.com



Britney Spears

● Britters is busy recording in America at the moment, but she'll be jetting to LA on January 17 for the American Music Awards, not forgetting to pose for her new album cover while she's there! Don't forget her fab new single *Born To Make You Happy* is out on January 17.

Fan club: No UK fan club yet, but there's an American one at PO Box

7022 Red Bank, NJ 07701-7022, USA
Email: britney@peeps.com
Website: www.peeps.com/britney



Justin

● Justin's gorge new single *Let It Be Me* hits the shelves on January 10, so he'll be popping up here, there and everywhere in the next week or so. If you fancy asking him a quick question, log on to his website at 5.30pm on January 14 when he'll be holding his very own web chat.

Fan club: Justin c/o Streamline Music, 40 Sciennes, Edinburgh EH9 1NH
Phoneline: Call 0906 216 8578 to hear all the latest Justin gossip. Calls cost 25p a minute, so remember to ask your parents' permission first!
Website: c3.vmg.co.uk/justin



Adam Rickitt

● Those of you who saw Adam on the *Smash Hits* Tour will have heard his ace new single *You're The Best*

Thing which is out on January 17, check your telly guide for details of Adam appearances.

Fan club: Fan Club Services, Adam Rickitt, PO Box 20, Manchester M60 3ED
Phoneline: 0906 300 9009
Website: None as yet



A1

● The ickle A1 lads are off to Japan this fortnight where they are releasing their first single *Ready Or Not*. Don't

panic though, they'll be back on home ground soon when they start promoting their beautiful new ballad *Like A Rose*. Ben wrote it himself and it's out on Valentine's Day!

Info line: 0906 300 1300 (calls cost 50p per minute - check with whoever pays the bills before you ring)
Website: www.a1-online.com



Hepburn

● With *Deep Deep Down* out on January 31, expect to see the Hepburn girls all over the place in the next few weeks.

Website: www.hepburn.net



Northern Line

● The Northern Line should be coming to a town near you! Well, the band will anyway. The guys are on a

schools and under-18s nightclub tour all around the country. Check out their website for more details, but they'll be performing their brand new single *Love On The Northern Line* which will be in the shops in February.

Fan club: Northern Line, Freeport CV744, 3 Alveston Place, Leamington Spa CV32 4BR
Phoneline: 0906 300 3300, calls cost 50p a minute
Website: www.northern-line.com

DEAR HELEN..

Feel cheated by your favourite celeb? Not got your money's worth? Or just after some info... then write to me: Dear Helen, *Smash Hits*, 2nd Floor, Mappin House, 4 Winsley Street, London, W1N 7AR... and I'll get to the bottom of it. Plus every letter that gets printed will receive a fantastic *Smash Hits* pen.



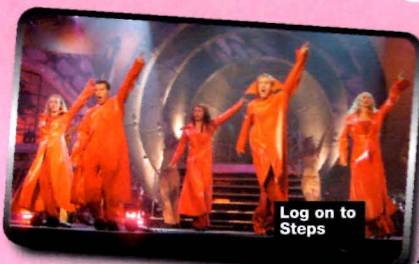
"I wanna Step up"

DEAR HELEN... Back in August you answered a letter about Steps and the problems with their fan club. Is there any update 'cos I wanna join, but I don't want to waste any more stamps?

Sarah Polie, Worcester

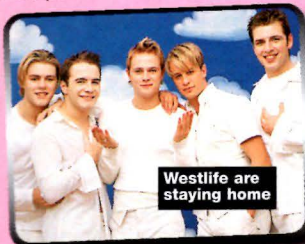
Guess what? Lisa, Faye, Lee, H and Claire have finally got their act together and sorted out all their loyal fans with a brilliant new fan club. The club is called Steps Official and it will operate from a new website - www.stepsofficial.com - and the good news is that it's completely free to join!

All you have to do is visit the website and register all your details and hey presto, you'll have all the latest goss on your fave band. Steps will regularly be updating all the info and there's



even a chance for you to leave your comments on the new club in Steps Talk. With loads of games, competitions, reviews of their latest singles and the fab Steps Store, (where you can buy loads of really cool Steps stuff that you won't be able to get anywhere else) you'd be mad not to join!

"Are Westlife touring?"



DEAR HELEN...

Please help me! I'm a massive Westlife fan and I'm desperate to go and see them in concert. When and where will they be touring?

Laura Charman, Skelmersdale
Sorry Laura, there are no plans for

a Westlife tour just yet, but their spokey had v. high hopes for an arena tour late next year. So keep your eyes and ears open or even better, watch this space! The lads' next single *Fool Again* is released on March 13.

"Where are Ultra?"

DEAR HELEN... I was a huge fan of Ultra, but what

has happened to them since their last album? Could you please let me know if they'll be releasing another single?

Smash Hits No1 Fan, Lancashire

Don't panic! Jon, Nick, James and Michael are still on planet pop. They spent most of 1999 promoting themselves around the continent, but they're now locked away in a secret recording studio, putting the final touches to their new album. All things being equal the boys will be releasing the album in summer of this year. I'll keep you posted!

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Your stars for Jan 12 - Jan 25 by Elektra

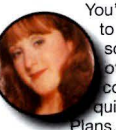
ARIES MAR 21 - APR 20

With the Sun in your social chart from the 21st, you'll be more outgoing than usual. Don't let your mates dictate to you - you like to be boss when it comes to going out.



TAURUS APR 21 - MAY 21

You're really keen to get certain schoolwork out of the way and could become quite a swot. Plans, schedules and timetables need to be made. Dull perhaps, but vital.



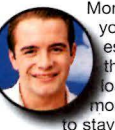
GEMINI MAY 22 - JUN 21

You're in the right frame of mind to meet and mix with new people. You're a sociable sort, so wherever you go and whoever you're with, you're destined to have fun this fortnight.



CANCER JUN 22 - JUL 23

Money causes you problems, especially after the 21st, when loans lead to moans. If you want to stay popular, keep cash to yourself and ignore anyone who complains.



LEO JUL 24 - AUG 23

Communication planet Mercury changes signs on the 21st, so it may be hard to get any message across to your close friends, but persevere and you'll get there in the end.



VIRGO AUG 24 - SEP 23

As a Virgo, you're usually a right workaholic, but you seem to be having problems at the moment. Work out where you're going wrong, that way, you can start afresh in February.



LIBRA SEP 24 - OCT 23

You're ready for fun, but planetary movements put the mockers on that, especially when you discover a romance you thought was going well may only have been thriving in your head.



SCORPIO OCT 24 - NOV 22

You can make huge progress if you remember you're not the universe's most important person. You're happiest when you're in charge, so don't let anyone boss you around.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 23 - DEC 21

You're in a very communicative mood and keen to spend as much time as possible with your mates. Girls' nights in are particularly well-starred, so organise and enjoy!



CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 20

It seems that one friendship with a member of the opposite sex is destined to be a bit more than that. But don't spring your feelings on the unsuspecting person - break it to them gently.



AQUARIUS JAN 21 - FEB 19

Mercury and the Sun enter your sign to make you exuberant and confident. If it's your birthday this fortnight, you'll be sparkling like sunshine on snow and just as beautiful!



PISCES FEB 20 - MAR 20

To understand where a mate's coming from, you need to understand yourself. You may feel like being alone, but you'd be happier with others. Bear that in mind.



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SMASH HITS

behind the scenes at



We arrive at the SM:tv café bright and early only to find **S Club** have nicked all the chairs. Understandable – after all, there are seven of them and the poor lambs are knackered after a whistlestop trip to Australia, bless 'em. Still, seven people don't stay quiet for long, not with **Bradley** organising a whistling competition, anyway! "My New Year's resolution is to give up junk food," chortles **Jo**, tucking into a bar of chocolate. Doh!

Cool dude **Jay Kay** tells us he's a huge fan of **Ant** and **Dec** ("Me and **Denise** watch it every Saturday!") but the funkster's more excited by his new trainers than being on telly. "They're from the new adidas range," he boasts. "There are only 380 pairs in the country and I was given the first two pairs for free. They've got a pedometer on the front to count the number of steps you take!"

Kerry Kitten is slightly put out 'cos she managed to forget her dance routine. "I was supposed to dance round in a circle, but I forgot," she explains. "In rehearsals I got it right every time and **Liz** and **Natasha** got it wrong, but today I got it wrong and just stood there doing nothing while they were doing the turn!"

But it's hugs and kisses all round when **Atomic Kitten** bump into their old mate **Mel C**. "Ooh, you've dyed your hair," Mel notices, pointing at Natasha's coppery locks. The Kitten, however, are more interested in Mel's new Chinese dragon tattoo, pulling up her trouser leg to gawp at it. "That must have really hurt," gasps Liz.

"Oh, and Mel, if you're ever stuck wondering what to do with all your millions..." Cheeky Kitten,

Mel C's New Year's resolution:

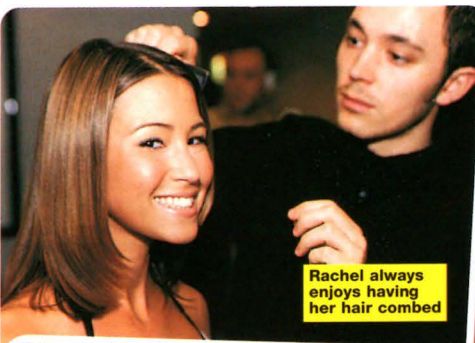
Well, I've never smoked so I can't give up smoking. I don't really do anything naughty so I've never had to give anything up! My resolution is to do more yoga. I'm going to make sure I do two classes a week without fail.

Kerry, giggles, "you could always buy a copy or two of our single". "I might just do that," smiles Mel before heading off for a cuppa in her dressing room.

New band **LEN** (you'll know them from their ultra-catchy single, *Steal My Sunshine*) take up even more room than S Club 7 with their six band members and three dancers. What's more, the dancers reckon they need to practise their complicated routine and spend most of the morning in a corner spinning on their heads. Literally!



is on every Saturday at 11.30am on ITV. Don't miss it!



Rachel always enjoys having her hair combed



Tina takes a Diet Coke break



"Now look here, *Smash Hits* you can't follow me in here"



Mel C and Atomic Kitten swap hair and tattoo tales



Paul was the first loser in the S Club game of musical chairs

Jay Kay's worst bit: Doing the sketch with Ant, Dec, Cat and Mel C. I was actually a bit of an actor when I was at school so I wasn't too nervous – but I didn't bank on getting a biscuit stuck in my throat on live TV!

Jay puts a brave face on the Rich Tea incident



PHOTOS DAVID TONGE



Miaowww! The Kitten get catty with Mel C



Paul wasn't impressed by the S Club phone bill



Bradley and Jon spent the rest of the day arguing about the result of the whistling contest



Surgeons are able to rebuild LEN after someone stole their machine and, er, arms

Come home!

with Soft & Gentle

Smash Hits joins in the pop high jinks at Capital @ home with Soft & Gentle



Recent shows have seen Westlife crooning their Christmas single *I Have A Dream* and S Club 7 with their smoochie *Two In A Million*. The Artful Dodger and Alice DeeJay pumped up the volume with their dancy numbers *Rewind* and *Back In My Life* whilst dancers touched up their make-up in the ladies, ker-azy! If you fancy being part of this fantastic live event, it's simple!

Tickets are only available to competitions winners on 95.8 Capital FM. You can enter on weekdays between 4pm and 8pm on *Drive Time* with Dr Fox, or between 8pm and 11pm on James Cannon's evening show. It's simple, all you have to do is correctly name the music clips played on the show and call the Capital @ home hotline on 07000 958 958 (calls should cost no more than a first class stamp) or log on to www.capitalFM.com between those times. It's as easy as that!



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The Artful Dodger Rewinds



Westlife have a dream at home



S Club are seven in a million

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The Only Chart That Counts!

SMASH HITS

TOP 21!

21st CENTURY STUFF THE SMASH HITS OFFICE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THIS MILLENNIUM

1 FLYING CARS

NEW!

And other cool inventions. Like portable toasters. And bubble-blowing pens. (We did that last millennium - Ed)

2 LETTUCE

NEW!

And mineral water. And jogging. And generally going on a post-Christmas health kick. For a week

3 FRIENDS - THE MOVIE

NEW!

You heard it here first, it's gonna happen. Dunno when though

4 DIGITAL POPSTERS

NEW!

Design your very own perfect pop star using super-powerful computer wizardry. Well, it could happen...

5 POKÉMON

▲ (6)

Already a film, a game, a set of trading cards and a best-selling toy, we predict that by the end of the century Pokémon will be a way of life

6 CHEAPER CDS

NEW!

Some shops have already reduced CDs to £11.99 and rumour has it new CDs could be available for £9.99 by the end of the year! Cool

7 MILLENNIUM

▼ (2)

Enough already! From now on the word is outlawed. The Backstreet Boys album of that name will now be referred to as *The One You Voted Best Album Of '99*

8 INTERPLANETARY POP

NEW!

The first alien pop star? With two feet and five heads? Well, it could happen... (What about Cher? - Ed)

9 SPICE 3

NEW!

We all can't wait to hear the third Spice Girls album, but only our Tammy is holding her breath (literally!) Don't try this at home

10 WEB TV

NEW!

You can shop, check the cinema, surf the Net and watch telly - all at the same time!!!

11 AIBO

▲ (16)

This robot dog may cost a fortune now, but give it a few decades and we'll all be buying robot dogs! Not to mention...

12 ATOMIC KITTENS

NEW!

Not the band, real atomic kittens, 50 foot-tall! No, really, it could happen

13 A BEACH FOR EVERY TOWN

NEW!

In the future, all towns will have sunshine, a shiny sea and a golden beach. Preferably with Leo on it

14 DREAMCAST

▼ (4)

Haven't you heard? The Dreamcast is soooo '99. We want a PlayStation 2, and we want it now!

15 TIME TRAVEL

NEW!

Can't wait for the new Backstreet album? Just skip forward to 2001. We did, and it's ace!

16 ANT & DEC FOR MAYOR

NEW!

London is having trouble finding a suitable mayor. Our suggestion? Ant & Dec (if Newcastle don't grab 'em first). Plus, we fancy Will Smith for US Prez!

17 ONE-MINUTE PIZZA

NEW!

Dunno what this is, but it sounds ace!

18 THE SMASH HITS TOUR & POLL

▼ (9)

In the 21st century this will happen every weekend in cities all over the UK. Hold on a sec... that would kill us!

19 CHRISTMAS

▼ (1)

Only 353 shopping days left 'til Christmas! Better get those lists ready

20 QUALITY STREET

▼ (15)

Enough already! We can't take any more. No choccy for at least one month. Or a week. At least a day. All right, go on then, just one...

21 FIVE AND WESTLIFE DUET ALBUM

NEW!

Now you're just being ridiculous...



The Prize Zone



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